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Bush: Iran Remains a Threat

President urges continued pressure, despite new intel report

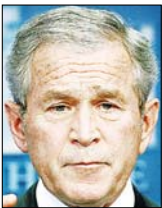
WASHINGTON | Defending his credibility, President Bush said Tuesday that Iran is dangerous and must be squeezed by international pressure despite a blockbuster intelligence finding that Tehran halted its nuclear weapons program four years ago.

Bush said the new conclusion — contradicting earlier U.S. assessments — would not prompt him to take off the table the possibility of pre-emptive military action against Iran. Nor will the United States change its

policy of trying to isolate Iran diplomatically and punish it with sanctions, he said.

"Look, Iran was dangerous, Iran is dangerous, and Iran will be dangerous if they have the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon," the president told a White House news conference a day after the release of a new national intelligence estimate representing the consensus of all U.S. spy agencies.

On Capitol Hill, congressional Democrats said they hoped the report would have a cooling



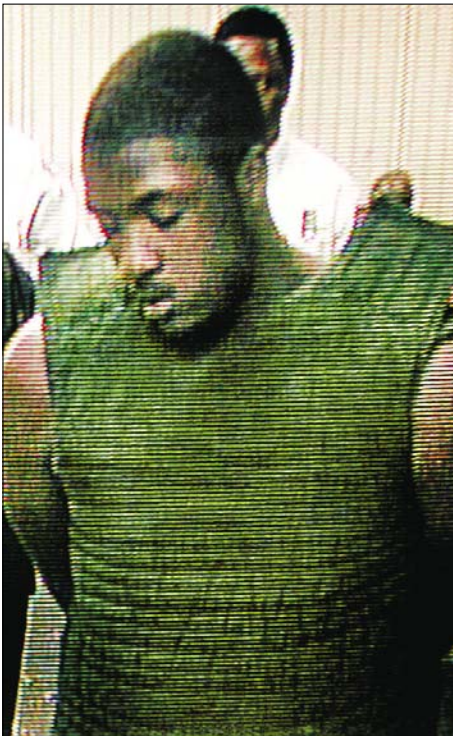
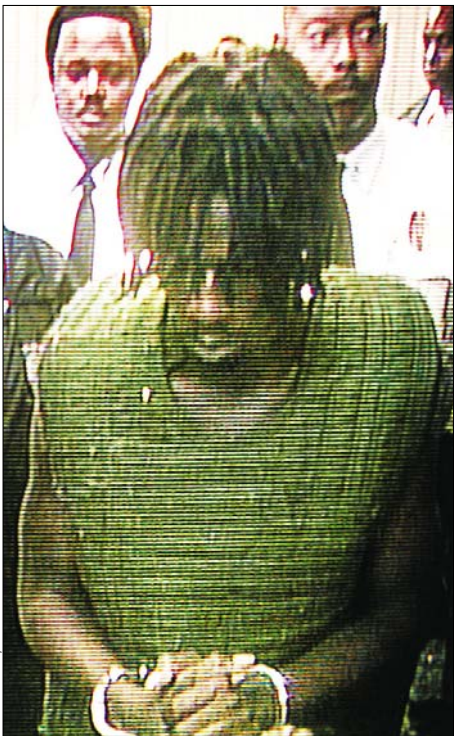
Bush

effect on the administration's rhetoric, which they said was counterproductive.

Bush showed no inclination to alter course. Iran continues to produce enriched uranium that could be transferred to a weapons program, he said.

"I view this report as a warning signal that they had the program, they halted the program. And the reason why it's a warning signal is that they could restart it," he said. TERENCE HUNT (AP)

Denied Bond, Taylor Suspects on Suicide Watch



GUARDED: Jason Mitchell, 19, left; Charles Wardlow, 18, center; and Venjah Hunte, 20 — three of the four men charged in the shooting death of Redskins safety Sean Taylor — appear before a judge via a video link from the Miami-Dade County jail in Miami on Tuesday. The three were denied bond and have been on suicide watch since Monday. The fourth suspect, Eric Rivera, 17, had not yet been transported to Miami. ♦ **Shooter:** Rivera named as gunman | Page 4

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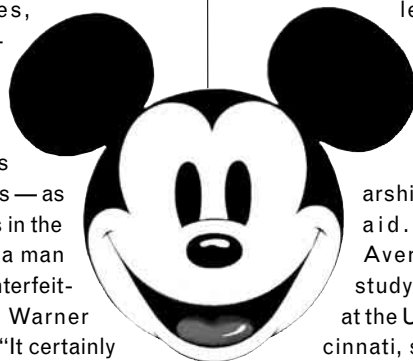
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CRIME

Then, Goofy Turned State's Evidence ...

An Italian court ordered Tweety, the animated bird, along with Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and his girlfriend, Daisy, to testify in a counterfeiting case. In what lawyers believe was a clerical error, a court in Naples, Italy, sent a summons citing Titti, Paperino, Paperina, Topolino — the Italian names for the characters — as damaged parties in the criminal trial of a man accused of counterfeiting Disney and Warner Bros. products. "It certainly pleased us that the characters were considered real, because that's what we try to do," said Fiorenza Sorotto of Disney Company Italia. (AP)



STATEMENTS

Social Protest Totally Misunderstood

Two Ohio college students say the high cost of tuition led them to rob a bank. The men pleaded guilty to two charges of aggravated robbery and six of kidnapping. Andrew Butler, 20, a theater major at the University of Toledo, said tuition increases outpaced his scholarships and financial aid. Christopher Avery, 22, who was studying engineering at the University of Cincinnati, said he couldn't pay for summer classes after an internship at a grocery store fell through. "I thought I had nothing to lose," Avery said. (AP)



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SPORTS

Such Slackers

On Feb. 23, the U.K. will host its first Slacklining Masters competition. The balance sport utilizes nylon webbing stretched tight between two anchor points; it's distinct from tightrope walking in that the line is not held rigidly taut, but stretches, bounces and sways like a large rubber band. Here, John Ritson walks a slackline near Fort William, Scotland, to promote the sport's coming debut. (AP)



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DANGER

Uproarious Laughter Kills 4 in Madison

First off, the perp's name is Warren Whitelighting. Early Saturday, he stole eight giant red-hot pickled sausages from a food cart, stole a Krispy Kreme Doughnut truck and led Madison, Wis., police on a high-speed chase, doughnuts flying, the Capital Times reported. An official admitted the sight of multiple squad cars pursuing the truck could seem funny, but "it really is a danger to the community." (EXPRESS)

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HARD TO HIDE: Police in Tyler, Texas, are searching for a 42-foot "Frosty" the snowman decoration that was swiped from a Christmas tree farm on Friday. The owner of the tree farm believes the inflatable Frosty, which is worth about \$10,000, was hoisted over a fence.

Nation

Credit-Card Execs Take Heat on Hill

Democrat criticizes methods used to alter interest rates on cards

WASHINGTON | Credit-card executives on Tuesday deflected congressional criticism of their practice of using falling credit scores to charge customers higher interest rates.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of a Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs subcommittee, said customers who consistently pay on time are getting whacked by credit-card issuers that raise rates without warning.



Levin

"The bottom line for me is this: When a credit card issuer promises to provide a cardholder with a specific interest rate if they meet their credit card obligations, and the cardholder holds up their end of the bargain, the credit-card issuer should have to do the same," he said.

But executives from Bank of America Corp. and Discover Financial Services LLC. told the subcommittee that a credit score is one of several factors in determining whether to increase a customer's interest rate. (AP)

Storm in Ore. Leaves Muddy Mess

Small town blocked by landslide is evacuated by the National Guard

CENTRALIA, WASH. | A storm that battered the Pacific Northwest for two days moved on Tuesday, leaving behind flooded homes, fallen trees and washed-out roads, including the region's largest highway, which was covered with 10 feet of muddy water.

The storm, which killed at least five people, lashed the area with high winds and heavy rain, and forced authorities to evacuate a flooded Oregon town that was cut off by landslides.

National Guard troops used inflatable rafts to evacuate flooded residents from the small commu-



Tod Martin sweeps a thick layer of mud left behind from receding flood waters at the Western Royal Inn in Tillamook, Ore. The region was battered by heavy rainfall.

nity of Vernonia, which was blocked by landslides.

In Centralia, Wash., police used small boats to evacuate neighborhoods inundated by floodwaters from the Chehalis River that were the consistency of chocolate milk.

The same river left three miles of Interstate 5 under water, closing the region's major north-south thoroughfare. Although rain eased overnight, runoff continued to feed the river, which crested at record highs.

State officials hoped to open the highway Thursday, but were waiting to check the damage.

"We've got to be able to see if we have structural integrity in the highway," said David Dye, deputy secretary of transportation. "We've got lots of debris, garbage, tires, dead rats everywhere." CURT WOODWARD (AP)

Rivals Denounce Clinton's Iran Vote

Intelligence estimate sparks more debate on Senate resolution

DES MOINES, IOWA | Democratic rivals assailed front-runner Hillary Clinton on Tuesday for a vote against Iran that they portrayed as misguided and dangerous in light of a new intelligence report that says the Iranians stopped pursuing a nuclear weapon years ago.

One month before Iowa's leadoff caucuses — in a debate broadcast



Sen. Clinton said Tuesday that she is not advocating a rush to war with Iran.

only on radio — the presidential candidates stood together in welcoming the report's assessment

and criticizing President Bush's assertion that "nothing's changed" because of it. They divided on the three-month-old Senate vote to designate Iran's Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization — a resolution that only Clinton supported among the Democratic candidates.

"Declaring a military group sponsored by the state of Iran a terrorist organization, that's supposed to be diplomacy?" Edwards interjected. "This has to be considered in the context that Senator Clinton has said she agrees with

George Bush terminology that we're in a global war on terror, then she voted to declare a military group in Iran a terrorist organization. What possible conclusion can you reach other than we are at war?"

Clinton objected. "You know I understand politics and I understand making outlandish political charges, but this really goes way too far. None of us is advocating a rush to war," Clinton said.

While Clinton is the clear Democratic front-runner in national polls, Iowa is a more heated contest, and her Iranian vote has been an issue with the state's voters.

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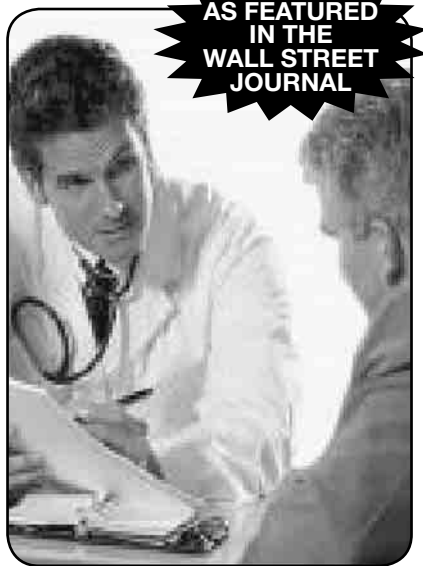
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Taylor Shooter Is Identified

Men placed on suicide watch while being held without bail in Miami

MIAMI | The 17-year-old suspect in the death of Sean Taylor was accused Tuesday of firing the shot that killed the Washington Redskins safety.

A Miami-Dade grand jury identified Eric Rivera as the gunman in their indictment.

Rivera and his three co-defendants were indicted by the grand jury on charges of first-degree felony murder and armed burglary.

Charles Wardlow, 18; Jason Mitchell, 19; and Venjah Hunte, 20; were ordered held without bail during brief court appearances via a videoconference from Miami-Dade County jail. The three, who stood silently during the hearing, will remain at the jail under suicide watch after Judge John Thornton Jr.'s ruling.

Rivera, still in custody in Fort



Attorney Wilbur Smith talks with the media after the first court appearance by his client, Eric Rivera, who is identified as the shooter in the killing of Sean Taylor.

Myers, was expected to be transported to Miami-Dade on Tuesday night and make a court appearance Wednesday. One of his attorneys said the grand jury's identification of Rivera as the gunman was expected.

"This does not come as a sur-

prise," said Sawyer Smith, who represents Rivera along with his father Wilbur.

The 24-year-old Taylor died Nov. 27, a day after he was shot in the bedroom of his home. Police have said he was a victim of a botched burglary. (AP)

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Dem Fundraiser Hsu Indicted on 15 Counts

Government says man duped investors while donating to candidates

NEW YORK | A federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted Norman Hsu, a top Democratic fundraiser and former fugitive accused of cheating investors out of at least \$20 million and using some of the money to make illegal political donations.

In the 15-count indictment returned in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, the government accused the 56-year-old clothing-industry entrepreneur of duping investors nationwide with a massive Ponzi scheme.

The government said Hsu also violated federal campaign finance

laws by making contributions to various political candidates in the names of others.

Hsu was once a valued supporter of Sen. Hillary Clinton, who has returned more than \$800,000 of contributions that were linked to him.



Hsu

Hsu faces six counts of mail fraud, six counts of wire fraud and three counts of violating the Federal Election Campaign Act. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on each of the mail and wire fraud charges, and five years on each campaign finance charge. LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)

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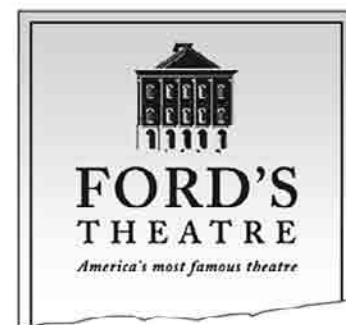
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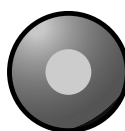
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OSLO, NORWAY

Newly Found Prehistoric 'Monster' Was Size of a Bus

Remains of a bus-size prehistoric "monster" reptile found on a remote Arctic island may be a new species never before recorded by science, researchers said Tuesday. Initial excavation of a site on the Svalbard islands in August yielded the remains, teeth, skull fragments and vertebrae of a reptile estimated to measure nearly 40 feet long, said Joern Harald Hurum of the University of Oslo. The reptile appears to be the same species as another sea predator whose remains were found nearby on Svalbard last year. Hurum said the team had excavated only a 3-meter area of the find. The Norwegian-led team plans to present more detailed findings early next year, and return to Svalbard, 300 miles north of Norway's mainland, to excavate further next year. (AP)

KIRKUK, IRAQ

Sunni-Kurdish Deal Ends Northern Iraq Dispute

Sunni Arabs ended a yearlong political boycott Tuesday in Kirkuk — the hub of Iraq's northern oil fields — under a cooperation pact that marked a bold attempt at unity before a planned referendum on control of the strategic region. The Sunni-Kurdish deal — urged by U.S. diplomats — could also move ahead other reconciliation bids demanded by Washington but stalled by disputes that include sharing oil wealth and compromising with Sunnis who backed Saddam Hussein's Baath party. Sunnis have struggled to find political footing since Saddam's fall, while Kurds enjoyed an economic boom in their semi-autonomous enclave. (AP)

Iran Touts Nuclear Report

U.S., other countries insist that Iran remain under close scrutiny

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran on Tuesday touted a new U.S. intelligence report as vindication that its nuclear program is peaceful. But it was unclear whether the finding would lead to any immediate warming in U.S.-Iranian relations, including on key issues like Iraq.

Iranian officials insisted Washington should take a less hawkish stance and drop attempts to impose new sanctions in light of the report's conclusion that Iran stopped its nuclear weapons pro-

gram in late 2003 and has shown no signs of resuming.

President Bush ruled out any change in policy. He said sanctions were still needed to force Iran to stop uranium enrichment, which he warned could be used for building atomic warheads someday. France and Britain also said pressure must be maintained on Tehran.

Even Russia, which urges continued negotiations rather than more sanctions, said Iran must fully open its nuclear program to international scrutiny and remain under control of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency.

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, meanwhile, disputed the U.S.

conclusions, saying Israeli intelligence believes Iran is still trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Israel's prime minister, Ehud Olmert, said that "it is vital to continue efforts to prevent Iran from attaining [nuclear] capability." Israel is believed to have its own arsenal of nuclear weapons, the only stockpile in the Mideast.

But Iran is clearly hopeful that the unclassified summary of the National Intelligence Estimate, released Monday, will weaken the Western push for new sanctions over Tehran's refusal to obey a U.N. Security Council order to suspend uranium enrichment.

ALI AKBAR DAREINI (AP)

Iraqi TV Shows Hostages

Captive Briton appears on video that demands U.K. troops leave Iraq

BAGHDAD | Captors holding five Britons demanded Tuesday that Britain pull all its forces from Iraq, posting a videotape showing a bearded, haggard-looking victim more than six months after the group was kidnapped.

The purported hostage, speaking clearly with a British accent, identified himself as "Jason" and gave the date as more than two weeks ago. He sat under a sign in Arabic identifying the captors as "The Islamic Shiite Resistance in Iraq."

"My name is Jason. Today is November 18," he said, alternately glancing at the camera and downward, perhaps at a piece of paper. "I have been here now for 173 days and I feel we have been forgotten." No other hostage was shown.

A written statement featured on the video, aired by Al-Arabiya television, accused Britain of plundering the wealth of Iraq and demanded that British troops leave within 10 days. It did not say what would happen if the deadline was not met or when the countdown begins.

Britain's Foreign Office condemned the broadcast, saying it "serves only to add to the distress of the men's families and friends." British officials have not released the names of the kidnapped men, and have requested their identities not be disclosed by the media.

The kidnapping took place on May 29. KIM GAMEL (AP)

BUDAPEST | WELCOMING HANUKKAH



FIRST NIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Orthodox Jews dance in front of an oversize menorah to celebrate the start of Hanukkah in downtown Budapest on Tuesday. The Jewish holiday lasts eight nights and commemorates the rededication of the Jewish Second Temple in Jerusalem in 164 B.C., after it was destroyed by the Syrian Greeks.



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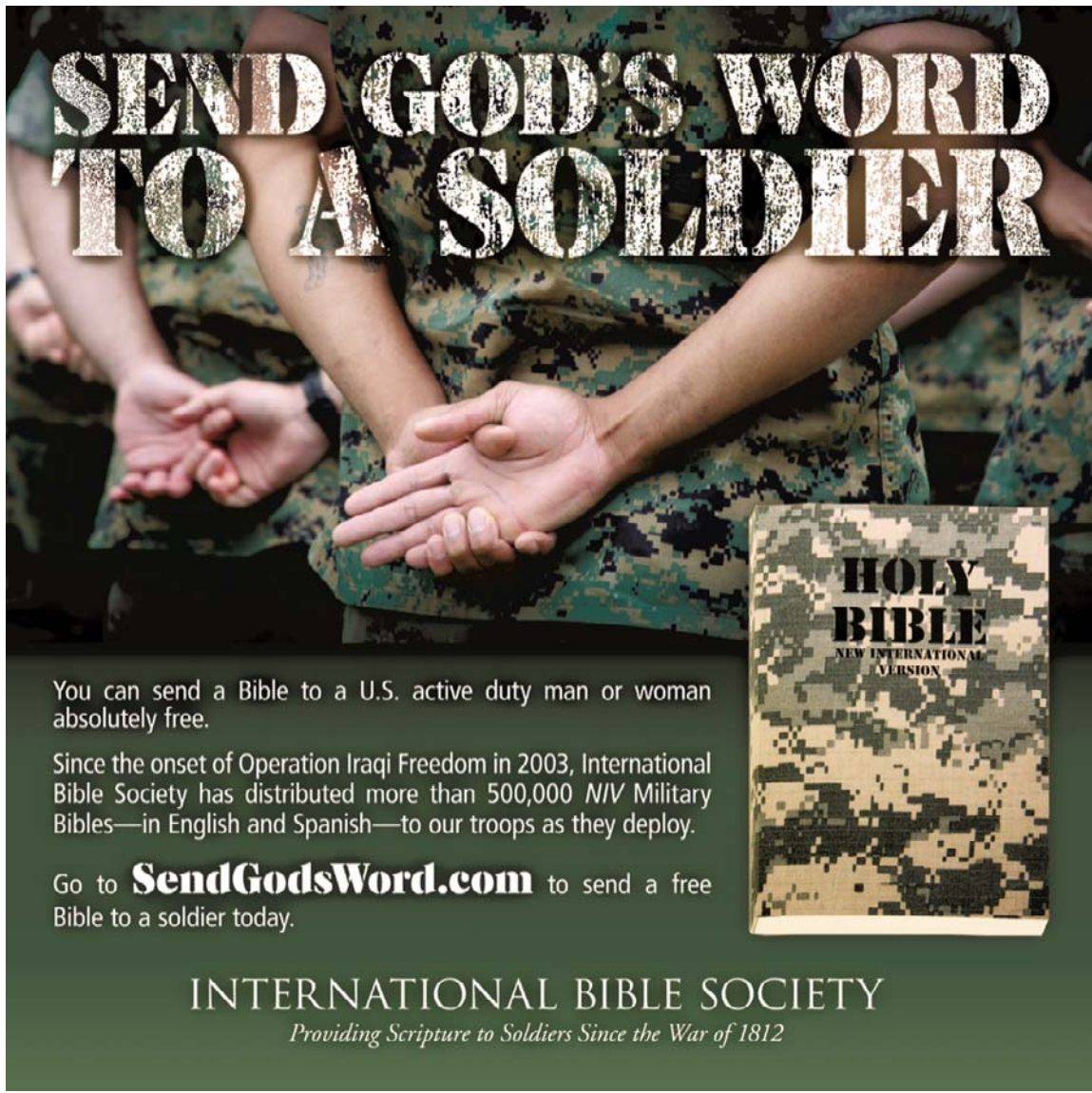
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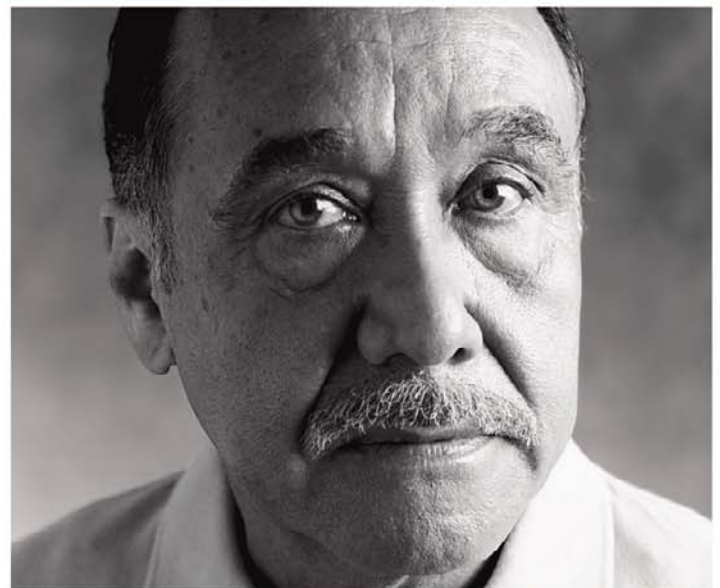
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Mario Linares, an older adult living with type 2 diabetes, has joined famous and not-so-famous Americans to help put a face on influenza and encourage influenza vaccination among recommended groups. To see the other faces, go to www.facesofinfluenza.org.

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Afghan police officers watch as the wreckage of a car used in a suicide bombing is removed from a street in Kabul on Tuesday. The attack wounded 22 civilians.

Bombing Targets A NATO Convoy

Afghanistan suicide car bomber injures 22 as Gates visits Kabul

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | A suicide car bomber targeted a NATO convoy in Afghanistan's capital on Tuesday, wounding 22 civilians passing nearby, officials said.

The attack came as visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates planned to meet with President Hamid Karzai and other Afghan officials in the capital, Kabul.

Gates was "nowhere near the blast," said a U.S. Embassy official who spoke on condition of anonym-

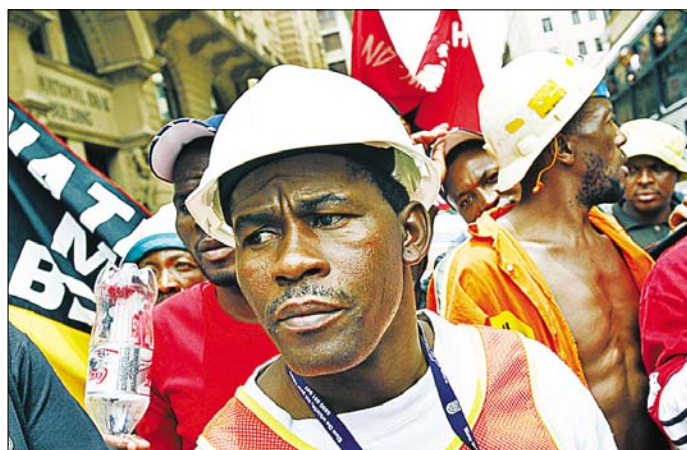
ity because she was not authorized to speak about the issue publicly.

The bomber struck a two-vehicle convoy belonging to NATO's International Security Assistance Force near the city's airport, Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary said.

Twenty-two civilians were wounded in the attack, NATO reported. There were no casualties in the NATO convoy, said ISAF spokesman Lt. Col. Thomas Dillschneider.

The attacker's car was completely destroyed, and three private vehicles, including a minibus, were damaged. AMIR SHAH (AP)

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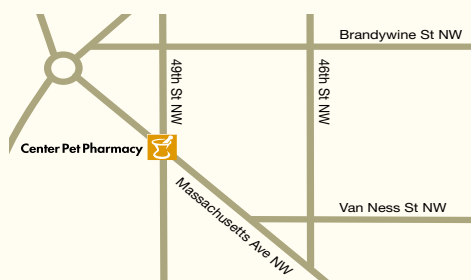


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Local

Metro Tests Reconfigured Rail Cars

Experimental car has features meant to help standing passengers

ARLINGTON, VA. | How do you pack more sardines into the same size can?

To help answer that question, the Washington region's transit agency has rolled out an experimental rail car that gives passengers more room for standing and leaning, and more places to hang on. Metro officials are studying whether the new features can help the increasingly crowded system operate more smoothly.

In the reconfigured car — shown to the media Tuesday before going into service at Reagan National Air-



Wanda Lee tries out a new leaning cushion in a redesigned Metro rail car on Tuesday. Seats that line the wall and extra hand grips are some of the other new features.

port — a few rows of seats have been replaced by seats that line the walls, leaving more standing room in the middle. The benches can be folded up to make room for a wheelchair, a stroller or luggage.

Another section of seats has been removed at the end of the car. In its place are cushions along the wall for leaning against and more room for standing in the middle. At the car's other end, poles for gripping have extensions on either side so that more people can hang on.

Dave Kubicek, Metro's assistant general manager for rail, said the redesigned car could probably fit about 200 people — 20 more than the current design can fit.

SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Ballpark Jobs Anger D.C. Group

Resident nonunionized workers demand fair shot at employment

More than 50 nonunionized workers rallied against the new Nationals ballpark Tuesday morning, angry that more District residents did not receive construction jobs. The group honked horns and shouted to passing cars outside RFK Stadium, where a city task force monitoring employment for the new ballpark was meeting.

The agreement for the new ballpark in Southeast Washington called for at least half the journeymen work force and all the new apprentices to be District residents, but the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission in an October report said the project was short of those goals.

Protesters complained that because the ballpark contract requires union workers, a large number of minorities were left out of the hiring. The group also protested what it said was the racially motivated firing in late October of six African-American electricians.

DANIEL LEDUC (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Md. Poised to Propose Carbon Cap

State looks to address global warming as an immediate threat

BETHESDA, MD. | Saying there's no time to delay bold steps to prevent global warming, a Maryland commission on climate change is poised to propose the nation's toughest carbon cap when the legislature returns next month, along with a report calling climate change an immediate threat to the state.

The report will suggest a law requiring carbon emissions to go down 25 percent by 2020 and 90 percent by 2050. If adopted, the goal would be the nation's most

ambitious law to reduce emissions of carbon, a key component of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. New Jersey, California and Florida have set goals of reducing carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050.

"This will result in some major changes in Maryland," said Sen. Paul Pinsky, D-Prince George's County, who proposed a similar carbon cap that was considered but rejected last term.

The commission was set up by Gov. Martin O'Malley, and its sug-



Aburn

gestions are expected to underlie the governor's stated plan of making Maryland a leader in addressing climate change.

"It sends a very significant message of how Maryland feels about climate change," said Tad Aburn, an air quality specialist with the state Department of the Environment.

"We really need to push hard and be aggressive to reduce carbon production within our borders."

The carbon goal could be met by requiring cleaner-burning cars, by setting tougher emissions standards on power plants or establishing a cap-and-trade credit system.

KRISTEN WYATT (AP)

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Va. Tech Families Given Tax Break

WASHINGTON | The U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation that would offer a tax break to the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings and their families.

The bill also would exempt payments made to victims and their families from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund from federal income taxes. In October, the fund distributed more than \$7 million in donations. (AP)

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Mid-day Pick 4	1-3-3-9
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Match 5 (Mon.)	14-18-24-27-37 Bonus: 22
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-5-8
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	2-9-2
Mid-day Pick 4	9-6-1-1
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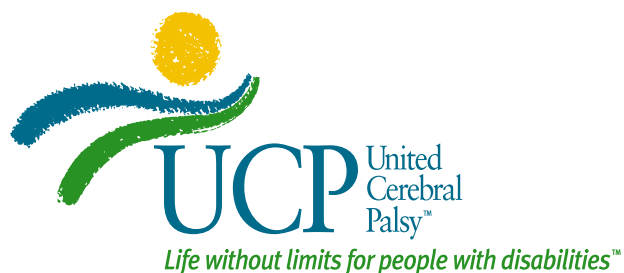
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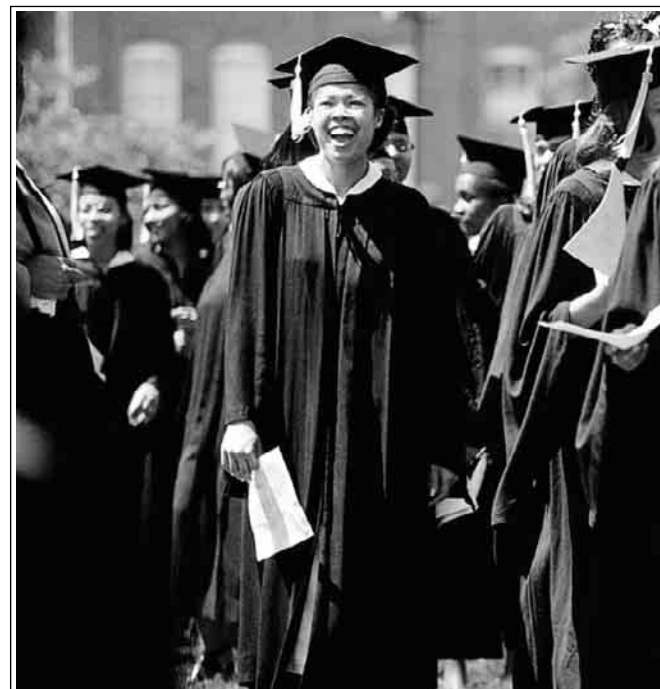
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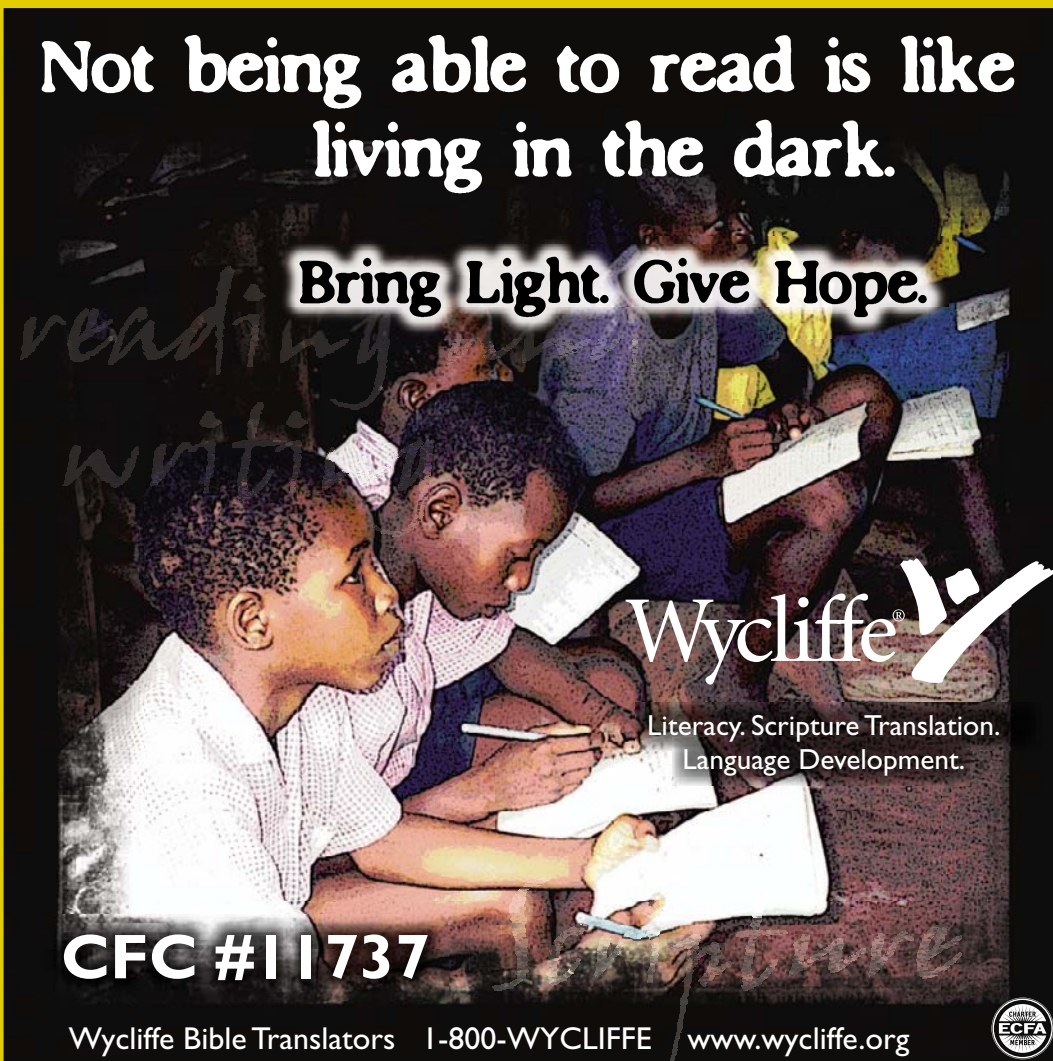
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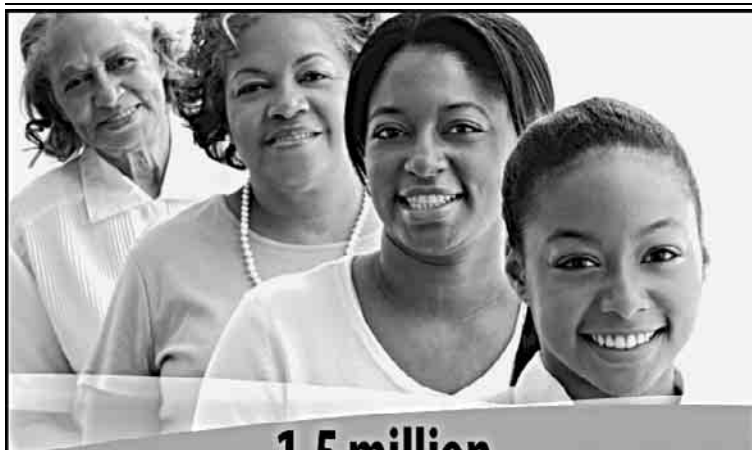


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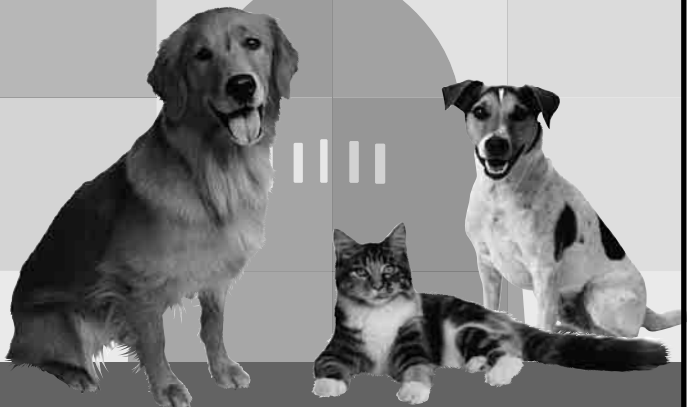
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GpoRadio	10.15	+.95	+10.3
ChiYuch If	10.32	+.92	+9.8
Chiquita	20.28	+1.53	+8.2
Nordstrm	36.45	+2.39	+7.0

Losers

NovaStr rs	2.08	-1.25	-37.5
GlobCash lf	3.07	-.48	-13.5
PhIVH	37.64	-5.65	-13.1
FstMarb s	24.98	-3.32	-11.7
Indymac	8.49	-1.00	-10.5

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Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
STEN	2.00	+.81	+68.1
ChinaTDv lf	6.97	+1.87	+36.7
SpeedUs rs	2.33	+.53	+29.4
CMGI rs	13.33	+3.00	+29.0
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Ftrmdia hrs	3.04	-.96	-24.0
BrdwyF	7.71	-1.78	-18.8
NoblyH	15.98	-3.02	-15.9
XATA	2.99	-.55	-15.5

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	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50
Fed Funds close	4.44	4.44
3-month disc	2.99	3.09
2-year	2.87	3.05
10-year	3.88	3.94
30-year	4.34	4.35

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European Euro	.6773	.6816	.7503
Japanese Yen	109.90	110.47	115.35
Mexican Peso	10.8790	10.9018	10.9394
Taiwanese Dollar	32.42	32.42	32.31

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-65.84	-17.30	-9.63
-0.49	-0.66	-0.65
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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B	26.70	-.34	-14.4
ClearChan	35.18	-.12	-1.0
Comcast s	20.73	-.32	-26.5
Comc sp s	20.50	-.36	-26.6
DirectTV	23.90	-.57	-4.2
Disney	32.75	-.29	-2.3
EchoStar	40.31	-2.05	+6.0
GpTelevisa	23.72	-.17	-12.2
NewsCpA	20.43	-.54	-4.9
NewsCpB	21.10	-.47	-5.2
Omnim s	47.78	-.46	-8.6
Thomson	37.08	-1.49	-10.5
TW Cable n	27.05	+.18	-30.5
TimeWarn	17.02	-.12	-21.9
ViacomB	43.33	+.68	+5.6

Executives Upbeat About Economy

Unfazed by housing woes, business leaders see good times ahead

WASHINGTON | The country's top corporate executives foresee pretty good business prospects even as the economy gets squeezed by a housing collapse, a credit crunch, Wall Street turmoil and high energy prices.

A survey by the Business Roundtable, released Tuesday, showed that most executives expect sales, capital investment and hiring to remain at current levels or even improve in the coming months.

While the economy's problems have caused consumer confidence to tank, the survey's results suggest that corporate executives' assessment is that the business climate remains generally healthy despite

all the strains.

In the survey, 87 percent of chief executives said they expected their sales to hold steady or increase over the next six months. That's down only slightly from 88 percent in the previous survey in September.

On the hiring front, 78 percent said they expected to hold payrolls at current levels or boost them. That's up a bit from 74 percent in the earlier survey. (AP)

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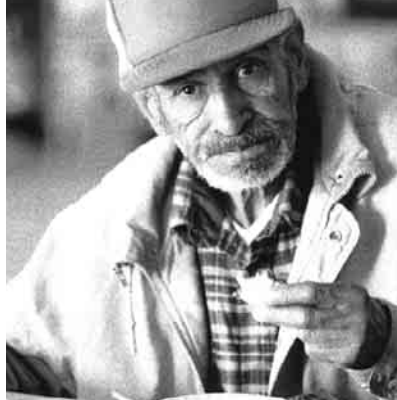
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"I have a wife and three kids. Don't call me a boy. Don't call me a boy because I said, 'You've never played football before.'"

— Ravens CB Samari Rolle complains about a ref after Monday's game. The NFL is investigating.

Redskins Faithful Questioning Gibbs

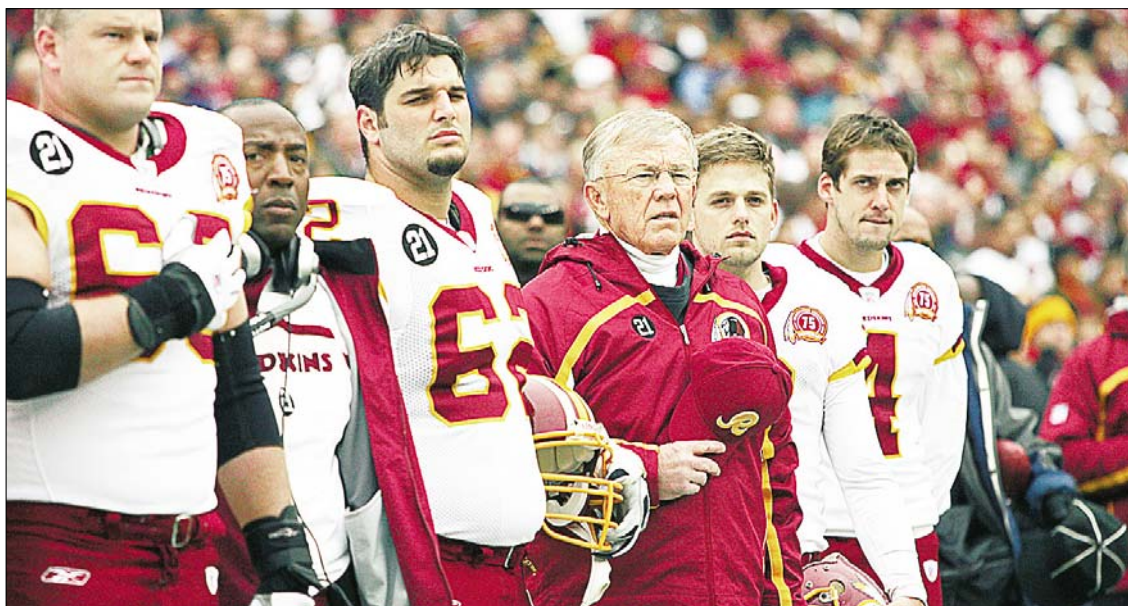
Hall-of-fame coach is feeling the heat due to blown leads, calls

REDSKINS | How could a Hall of Fame coach be unsure of an NFL rule? How could any head coach be unaware a group of his players planned an on-field tribute to a slain teammate? Why are the Washington Redskins regularly relinquishing second-half leads?

The questions are mounting for Joe Gibbs during a second stint with the Redskins that has been far less successful than his first. With Washington in danger of missing the playoffs for the third time in four seasons during Gibbs II, he's hearing plenty of second-guessing these days.

"You do feel for him," Redskins quarterback Jason Campbell said Tuesday. "This is probably the first time in a long time that people have been criticizing him the way that they have."

That, of course, comes with losing. The Redskins have dropped four consecutive games and five of their past six to fall to 5-7 heading into Thursday night's home game against



Coach Joe Gibbs, center, and the Redskins stand on the sideline before Washington's home loss to the Bills on Sunday.

the Chicago Bears.

"[The players] encourage me. You know what I mean?" Gibbs said. "Because sometimes when you get down as a coach, you need somebody to pick you up, and certainly they do."

Since Gibbs was lured back to the team he led to three Super Bowl championships, he has been dogged by criticism. The most recent fodder

came in Sunday's 17-16 loss to the Buffalo Bills. Washington led 16-5 late in the third quarter. When the Bills lined up to attempt a 51-yard field goal in the closing seconds, Gibbs called two consecutive time-outs, drawing a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. Lindell's kick from 36 yards was good with four seconds left.

Gibbs couldn't recall feeling

as badly about an in-game decision since the 1984 Super Bowl loss against the Raiders, when a play call late in the first half led to an interception returned for a touchdown.

"A lot of people felt like I probably could have cost us that one," Gibbs said. "I lived through that, and so, hopefully, I'll be able to kind of live through this." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)



Linebacker Erin Henderson, left, is 11th in the nation with 11.1 tackles per game.

Terps LB May Jump To the NFL

Henderson is still unsure whether bowl game will be his last

TERPS FOOTBALL | Maryland linebacker Erin Henderson is considering skipping his senior season to apply for the NFL draft, although it's too early in the investigative process to determine whether the Emerald Bowl will be his final college game.

"There are too many questions out there, and I don't know what issues are going to pop up," Henderson said Tuesday, shortly before the Terrapins' first practice since learning they would face Oregon State on Dec. 28 in San Francisco.

The 6-foot-3, 236-pound Henderson ranks 11th in the nation with 11.1 tackles per game. He was named to the first team All-ACC squad and leads Maryland with 236 career tackles despite missing the entire 2005 season with a knee injury.

Henderson has asked Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen for help. Friedgen has been calling NFL GMs to get a feel for Henderson's position in the draft and determine whether any other quality linebackers will be available in the 2008 draft.

Were it not for Henderson, it's doubtful that Maryland would have won the minimum six games needed to earn a bowl berth. That bowl game, as it turns out, could be Henderson's college finale. "I probably won't think about it until I'm suiting up in that locker room in San Fran or out there during the warmup drills," he said. "But right now I can't. It's just too far away." (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Cavaliers have lost two straight with star LeBron James sidelined. The Wizards are 5-4 with Gilbert Arenas out.

HOYAS HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 5 Georgetown plays in one of its toughest nonconference games of the year — at Alabama.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) First, Syracuse takes on Virginia in Charlottesville. Then, West Virginia plays Auburn in Alabama.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Kobe's Lakers are in Denver to take on 'Melo's Nuggets.

Ravens' Breakdowns Are Pats' Breaks

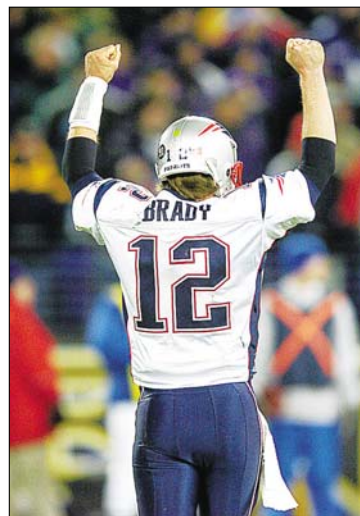
To stay undefeated, the Patriots needed a handful of lucky plays

NFL | Being perfect in the NFL apparently takes a break or two. Or four.

On Monday night, the Patriots survived three apparent fourth-down stops by Baltimore on their final scoring drive. The Patriots went on to score the winning touchdown and edge the Ravens, 27-24.

"You need luck sometimes," said Patriots receiver Jabar Gaffney, who caught the decisive 8-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Tom Brady.

After winning their first 10 games by an aggregate 411-157, the Patriots have squeaked by Philadelphia and Baltimore by three points



After a handful of lucky breaks, Tom Brady threw a touchdown pass to win.

each and were in serious jeopardy of losing both games.

In fact, they would have lost

Monday night if not for the bizarre sequences of plays and penalties at the end: an inexplicable timeout by the Ravens coaches on 4th-and-1 at the Baltimore 30 that erased a stop on a Brady sneak; a missed opportunity on a Brady pass that was batted straight up in the air; and a holding penalty on fourth-down that gave the Patriots another shot.

Brady ended the agony by hitting Gaffney in the corner of the end zone on a catch that instant replay upheld, though the Ravens said he juggled it.

After the game, McAlister was in no mood to give the Patriots credit.

"It's hard to go out there and play the Patriots and the refs at the same time," he said. "They put the crown on top of them; they want them to win. They won." JAY LINDSAY (AP)



LATE DEAL: The Tigers and Marlins agreed on Tuesday night to a deal that will send both 3B Miguel Cabrera and pitcher Dontrelle Willis to Detroit for three big prospects and three other minor league pitchers, ESPN.com reported. (EXPRESS)

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The amount, in millions of dollars, the Royals spent to sign free agent Jose Guillen (.290 average, 23 homers and 99 RBI last year) to a three-year contract. Yeah, that will solve their problems.

Sports

Tebow Thrown Into Race

Sophomore QB's arm, not his legs, make him a Heisman favorite

HEISMAN PROFILE | The night before a game typically goes like this for Tim Tebow: He attends a team dinner and walkthrough, retreats to his hotel room to finish up schoolwork, watches football, makes a smoothie, then gets about 10 hours of sleep.

Yes, even Florida's superhero needs rest.

Florida's too-good-to-be-true quarterback, the guy who couldn't possibly live up to all the hype, has exceeded expectations in his first year as a starter.

Tebow became the first player in NCAA history to run for at least 20 touchdowns and pass for at least 20 touchdown in the same season. He eclipsed the school's single-season record for total offense with 3,970 yards, and he broke the Southeastern Conference's single-season record for rushing touchdowns with 22.

Now, the 6-foot-3, 235-pound Tebow is going for another first: he could become the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy.



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Tim Tebow broke the SEC's single-season record for rushing touchdowns with 22.

"It's unbelievable, and it's an honor just to be mentioned for it," Tebow said. "It's a huge award. It's something I've watched my whole life. It has been a crazy season, so who knows what can happen?"

If Tebow does win college football's most coveted award, it wouldn't be an upset. In fact, Tebow is considered a front-runner along with Arkansas tailback Darren McFadden.

He ranks second in the country in passing efficiency (177.9). The left-hander has completed 68 percent of his passes for 3,132 yards, with 29 touchdowns and just six interceptions.

"I think everybody is surprised how well he threw the ball this year," Florida offensive coordinator Dan Mullen said. "You knew he could throw; he's got a very strong arm. But his accuracy?" MARK LONG (AP)

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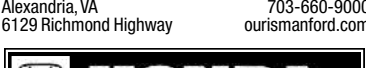
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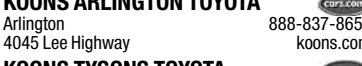


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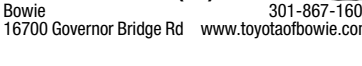
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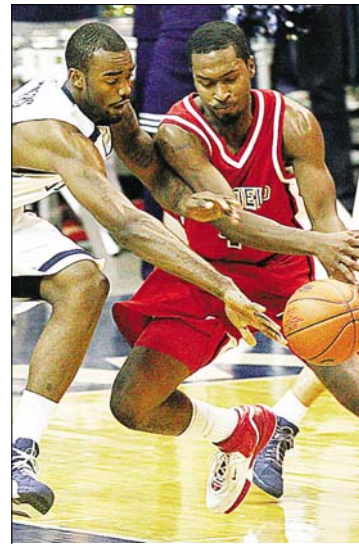
Sophomore trio must play well when the Hoyas' star struggles

HOYAS HOOPS | It's a question Georgetown would just as soon not think about unless it has to: What if Roy Hibbert has an off-game at a crucial time?

The Hoyas may have found a blueprint against a team it probably won't have to worry about in March during their 61-49 win against Fairfield at Verizon Center last Saturday.

With 7-foot-2 center Hibbert struggling (seven points, four fouls), a trio of sophomores made key contributions to keep No. 5 Georgetown undefeated heading into Wednesday's game against Alabama.

DaJuan Summers scored a team-high 16 points, Jeremiah Rivers made both his 3-pointers and finished with nine points while big man Vernon Macklin added defensive intensity.



DaJuan Summers, left, pressures the ball on Saturday against Fairfield.

"I think Jeremiah was terrific today, with five assists and no turnovers," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said after the game. "The pressure he can put on people defensively, it can have a tremendous effect."

While the box score highlights Summers' scoring touch, perhaps his most important — and symbolic — play was a blocked shot on Fairfield's Anthony Johnson, who was going toward the rim after Hibbert fell to the ground.

"We need him to continue running down rebounds and making some defensive plays. The scoring will come later, but we need him to continue making those hustle plays out on the court, the 'dirty' work," Thompson said of Summers.

Alabama represents one of two of Georgetown's most difficult — Memphis is the other — nonconference opponents. If the Hoyas' youngsters continue to develop, the Hoyas may match the preseason's hype, even if Hibbert isn't at his best.

"By learning from the juniors and the seniors, you know, we learned from all of them," Macklin said for his fellow sophomore. "Now it's time for us to help out the team, and it's our turn to step up and play, too."

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

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A group of skiers passes through Sugarbush Golf Course in Warren, Vt. About 25 years after it was started, the 300-mile Catamount Trail is now finally complete.

Skiing Superhighway

Trail stretching 300 miles from Mass. to Canada is finally done

ACTIVITIES | Nearly 25 years after three friends laid the groundwork for it by skiing the length of Vermont, the 300-mile Catamount Trail — a backcountry ski trail extending from Massachusetts to Canada — is complete.

Volunteers cleared and marked the final 4½-mile leg running through the Green Mountain National Forest in southern Vermont in October.

"It's quite an accomplishment," said Jim Fredericks, executive direc-

tor of the Catamount Trail Association. It took "a lot of very hard work by a lot of people to make it happen."

The trail, which starts on the Massachusetts border in Readsboro, runs through the Green Mountains, traversing a variety of terrain, from the groomed trails of cross-country ski centers to remote mountain passes. The trail ends at the Canadian border, in North Troy, Vt., near Highwater, Quebec.

Marked by blue signs with catamount (cougar) paw prints, the trail bills itself as the longest backcountry ski trail in North America. But it's divided into 31 sections, 6 to 13 miles long, so you can choose a short

leg, ski all day, or plan a weeklong excursion stopping at lodges along the way.

"We've had people from Europe come to ski the trail," said trail manager Lenore Budd.

Many of the trail segments pass by or near inns where you can stay for the night and touring centers where you can rent equipment, warm up or grab some soup and hot chocolate.

Access to the trail is free and open to the public, but in areas where it piggybacks on trails at touring centers, skiers are expected to pay the trail fees or buy whatever pass might be required, said Budd.

The Catamount Trail Associa-

tion offers guidebooks, maps and a Web site, and is sponsoring about 60 events in 2008, most of them free, including telemark clinics, snowshoeing and a winter nature tour. Each year, the group organizes a weeklong ski tour that covers one-fourth of the trail; that tour, in February, is already fully booked, Budd said. In 2009, the group is planning a monthlong ski tour of the entire trail.

In early winter, snowfall along the trail is unpredictable but tends to be better at higher elevations. "Generally, the most reliable time of year for snow is February," Budd added. "We ski into April often."

LISA RATHKE (AP)

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SHE'LL PLAY THE PRETTY ONE: "Las Vegas" star Molly Sims, the erstwhile model who is now apparently a full-time actress, has landed roles in two big-screen comedies: Jim Carrey's "Yes Man" and Steve Martin's "Pink Panther 2."

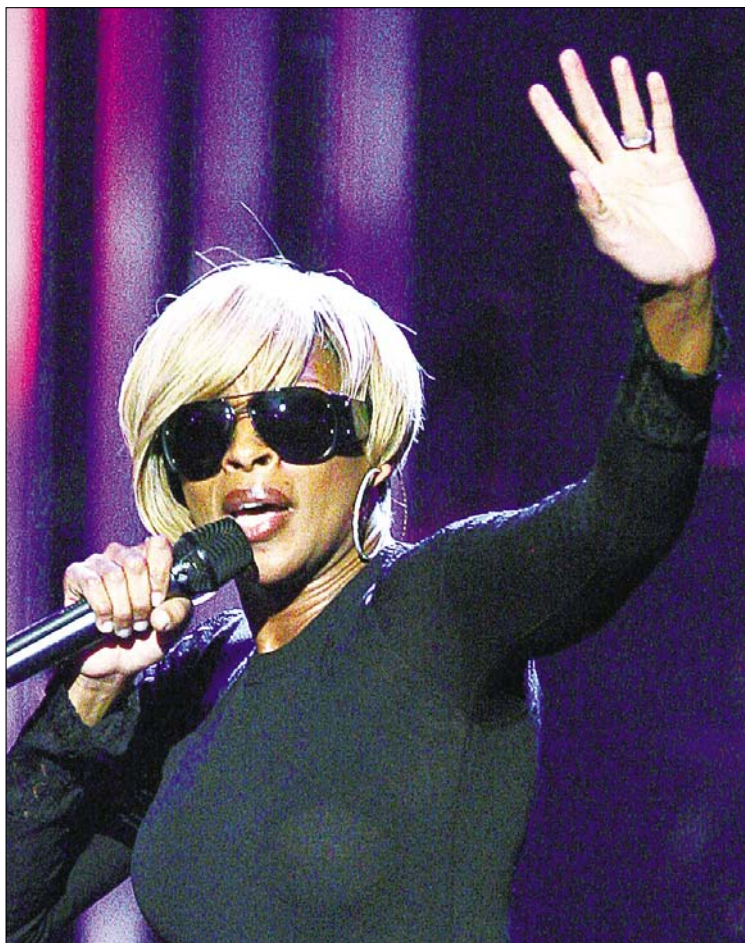
Entertainment

Blige's Lengthy Reign

The queen of hip-hop soul keeps gaining musical momentum

STAYING POWER | Bringing out a new Mary J. Blige album is a big challenge. That's because Blige, anointed "the queen of hip-hop soul" in 1992, is on a 15-year multiplatinum run as one of the most electric performers in the urban world, with a wide-ranging crossover base that straddles the R&B, hip-hop, pop and even AC markets. Her last two studio albums, 2003's "Love & Life" and 2005's "The Breakthrough," debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200. Even last year's "Reflections — A Retrospective" opened in the top 10.

For "Growing Pains," due Dec. 18 via Geffen, it started in late September with the online release of the single "Just Fine." In October and November, Blige completed a whirlwind international promo tour to get audiences ready, and just before Thanksgiving, another new song began appearing in an Apple ad for iTunes and iPod. "Each time, we have to think, 'What do you do to try to make it special?'" Gefen GM Jeff Harleston says. "It's a challenge every time. You've been to one mountaintop; now you have to go scale another and just keep



REAL LOVE: Mary J. Blige's comfort with her career is new, but still blossoming. "Growing Pains," her new album, chronicles her struggle to keep making music.

moving."

So one-upping all that and keeping the buzz strong and alive is a

unique task Blige and Geffen face as "Growing Pains" nears release. The Bronx-born singer-songwriter's

ninth album is already stirring things up with the uptempo "Just Fine." But as far as Blige is concerned, the music is the key component in maintaining that success.

She says, "I started out with this concept of growing pains because that's how I was feeling during the [2007] Grammys: 'Am I good enough for this; do I really deserve all this in my life?' But something in my head said, 'Yes, you are. Now you're forced to rapidly grow up in this area in order to achieve and get the things you want.'"

Featuring collaborations with Ne-Yo (who wrote the track "Fade Away" from a poem by Blige), Timbaland, Akon, the Dream and Tricky Stewart (the team behind Rihanna's "Umbrella"), Bryan-Michael Cox and the Clutch, among others, "Growing Pains" finds Blige coming to terms with her success, particularly in the wake of the last album's three Grammy Award wins.

It's been a hard-fought battle, through well-chronicled personal travails in romance and substance addictions, and coming out victorious has been an adjustment. As she sings in "Just Fine": "No time for moping around, are you kidding?/ No time for negative vibes, 'cause I'm winning." GARY GRAFF (BILLBOARD)

Dream Come Half-True

Blake Lewis' album is a mix of pop gold and generic throwaways

MUSIC | Blake Lewis' debut is like the hair on his well-coiffed head — shiny, stylish and meticulously assembled.

"Audio Day Dream" (RCA), despite its name, is painstakingly planned, as thoroughly thought out as a skyscraper and, generally, just as sturdy. Its foundation is

the blue-eyed soul that propelled Lewis to the runner-up position on the last "American Idol" — equal parts Maroon 5 pop and Robin Thicke's R&B, with some of Justin Timberlake's more boy-bandish moments thrown in.

At his best, like with the infectious "My Hello," Lewis is pure pop star, especially when his voice drops to his lower register. He also does well with the first single, "Break Another," and the playful "Know My Name," which features Lupe Fiasco.



After gaining runner-up status on "Idol," Lewis tries for commercial success.

Unfortunately, those songs only point out how there's not enough playfulness on the rest of "Audio Day Dream." Lewis' free-form beatboxing appears in only a handful of songs, and the skit featuring his alter ego B Shorty falls flat, as do a bunch of the more generic love songs, mainly co-written with One Republic's Ryan Tedder.

He sounds too tightly wound, like he's more driven by a fear of failure than a quest for musical greatness. It's an understandable problem, considering the pressure of delivering the album on time, but a little more daring could have made "Audio Day Dream" so much better.

GLENN GAMBOA (NEWSDAY)

Today's Top Stops

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ERIC BRACE
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1 As surprised as we are to say it, looks like Strathmore is the place to be tonight. To kick it off, Eric Brace, former frontman of Last

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Entertainment



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A Collector's One Love

'Reggae Scrapbook' is a sharp snapshot of Geffen's obsession

PASSION | Roger Steffens needs some room. In fact, he needs a lot of rooms.

The obsessive reggae collector has so many records and artifacts that he's had to move houses — twice — just to accommodate his treasures.

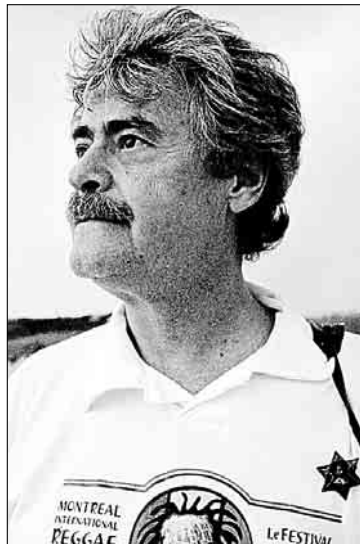
"[The collection] now fills six rooms, from floor to ceiling. I can hardly move in the place," Steffens said. "Everything is getting added to it all the time; people are constantly sending me stuff. My wife used to call our other houses 'House of Piles'; now this one is becoming another

House of Piles."

While he's been in long negotiations to sell the collection and have it sent to Jamaica, it's not been an easy process.

"A guy up in Canada [billionaire Michael Lee-Chin] was going to buy it and give it to Jamaica as a gift, but we could not come to a proper agreement," Steffens said. "My bottom lines are that it be kept intact forever and be made available to anyone who wants to make use of it. ... It's an instant museum for Jamaica."

Until a proper deal can be worked out, Steffens has put his collection to good use in the new "Reggae Scrapbook," a lavish coffee-table book featuring iconic photos by



Roger Steffens' reggae collection fills six rooms of his house, floor to ceiling.

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Express' Christopher Porter spoke with reggae superfan Roger Steffens. To view their conversation, visit us on the Web at readexpress.com. | **ONLINE NOW**

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While those sorts of items will wow reggae fanatics, the book also acts as an introduction to Jamaica's national sound, with short descrip-

tions of the music's prime movers, eras and genres.

Many of the artifacts featured in "Reggae Scrapbook" are inscribed to Steffens, which can be a deal-breaker when a collector tries to unload his booty. But the founding editor of the Beat magazine makes no apologies for his superfandom and remembers why he never passes up an opportunity to have his collection personalized by musicians' signatures.

"[Bob Marley] let me go everywhere with him during the 'Survival' tour in November 1979, and I just didn't want to be a pain in the ass to him," Steffens said. "I kept waiting for a 10-minute window of opportunity where I could hand the bag to him and say, 'Can you sign my records?' And he was never left alone; people were hitting on him day and night. ... I never got any of my records signed directly by Bob."

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MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (415) 730 1000
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (345) 715 1020
BEE MOVIE (PG) (215 445) 715 930
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (500) 745
FRED CLAUD (PG) (230) PM

BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D (115 330 545) 815 1030
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (100 345) 730 1020
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (230 500) 745 1025
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 300 530) 800 1030
BEOWULF DIGITAL 3D - \$2.50 FEE FOR 3D (PG-13) (220 445) 745 1020
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (1230 245 500) 715
FRED CLAUD (PG) (155 425) 700 940
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 350) 715 1030
BEE MOVIE (PG) (145 400) 630 845
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (210 450) 730 950

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (110 155 405 450) 700 745 955
BEOWULF DIGITAL 3D - \$2.50 FEE FOR 3D (PG-13) (135 425) 710
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D (250 510) 730 950
OC: ENCHANTED (PG) (130) 655
ENCHANTED (PG) (100 345 415) 625 910 940
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (115 400) 645 935
THE MIST (R) - ID REQ'D (200 500) 810
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (215 440) 705 930
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) - ID REQ'D (1245) PM
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (145 410) 635 900
FRED CLAUD (PG) (1250 340) 640 920
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (100 430) 800
BEE MOVIE (PG) (120 350) 620 845
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (220 505) 750 1035
TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) (125 420) 715 1010
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (355) 650 945

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
BEOWULF DIGITAL 3D - \$2.50 FEE FOR 3D (PG-13) (1200 300 550) 840
BEOWULF (PG-13) (100 350) 640 940
OC: ENCHANTED (PG) (1150) 530
ENCHANTED (PG) (1240 240 330) 620 820 920
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (210 500) 745 1040
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (220 500) 740 1020
THE MIST (R) - ID REQ'D (150 440) 730 1025
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 230 510) 750 1020
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 340) 700 1010
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (215 445) 715 950
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (200 450) 740 1015
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (115 345) 615 910
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) - ID REQ'D (1210) 945
BEE MOVIE (PG) (145 420) 645 915
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 310) 635 940
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (1215 250 520) 800 1030
BELLA (PG-13) (120 400) 625 850
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) - ID REQ'D (315) 650
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 415) 710 930
FRED CLAUD (PG) (110 410) 650 935

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13

Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 300 530) 800 1025
ENCHANTED (PG) (100 200 345 445) 630 730 930 1015
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1000
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (115 415) 715 1005
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (115 415) 715 1015
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 315 545) 815 1030
BEOWULF DIGITAL 3D - \$2.50 FEE FOR 3D (PG-13) (215 500) 745
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (145 430) 700 945
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (130 515) 845
BEE MOVIE (PG) (130 400) 645 915
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (215 445) 730 955
FRED CLAUD (PG) (215 500) 745 1030

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
ENCHANTED - DP (PG) (130 200 410 440) 700 730 940 1010
ENCHANTED (PG) (130 200 410 440) 700 730 940 1010
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (110 140 400 430) 650
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D 720 945 1015
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (250) 620 950
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (150 450) 715 930
THE MIST (R) - ID REQ'D (120 420) 710 1005
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (115 350) 645 920
INTO THE WILD (R) - ID REQ'D (300) 640 1000

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 230 445) 730 1000
GONE BABY GONE (R) - ID REQ'D (130 440) 800 1030
ENCHANTED (PG) (1200 240 515) 745 940 1030
OC: ENCHANTED (PG) (140) 700
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (1245 415) 715 1015
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 220 500) 810 1020
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (115 415) 715 1010
THE MIST (R) - ID REQ'D (130 430) 730 1030
BEOWULF (PG-13) (100 445) 745 1020
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (1155 215 430) 700
FRED CLAUD (PG) (1230 330) 645 930
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 320) 650 1010
BEE MOVIE (PG) (1150 210 420) 645 930
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (210 450) 800 1015

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D (215 500) 800 1030
THE MIST (R) - ID REQ'D (100 400) 700 950
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (415) 1015
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (215 515) 800 1030
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (145 430) 730 1005
ENCHANTED (PG) (100 200 345 445) 630 730 915 1015
BEOWULF (PG-13) (145 430) 745 1025
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (1245 330) 645 930
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (115 400) 700 950
FRED CLAUD (PG) (130 415) 715 1000
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (115 445) 815
BEE MOVIE (PG) (1245 345) 645 930
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (200) 745
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) - ID REQ'D (500) 1020
OC: THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (130) 715

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
Adv. *Tix on Sale* THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* I AM LEGEND (PG-13) ★
Adv. *Tix on Sale* HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (NR) ★
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 210 430) 740 1000
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) (1240 330) 700 945
THE MIST (R) - ID REQ'D (1235 335) 640 930
HITMAN (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 245 505) 750 1010
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (105 355) 705 1005
ENCHANTED (PG) (1150 1220 100 230 305 340 500) 645 715 745
BEOWULF DIGITAL 3D - \$2.50 FEE FOR 3D (PG-13) (1255 950)
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (1215 240 455) 735
FRED CLAUD (PG) (1250 400) 725 1015
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 300) 635 950
BEE MOVIE (PG) (1210 225 440) 720 935
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) (1200 220 445) 725 1005

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DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 2:10, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40
AWAKE (R) ✓ 1:05, 3:35, 5:55, 8:30, 10:45
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 2:00, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10
ENCHANTED (PG) 2:00, 3:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45
HITMAN (R) 1:50, 3:00, 4:20, 5:50, 7:00, 8:50, 9:50
THE MIST (R) 2:45, 5:45, 8:45
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 1:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:00, 4:40, 5:40, 6:40, 7:40, 8:40, 9:40, 10:25
BEOWULF (PG13) 3:45, 6:30, 9:30
BEOWULF (PG13) 3:45, 6:30, 9:30
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:20, 8:10, 10:30
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:20, 8:10, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 2:35, 5:55
AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:35
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 5:35

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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HITMAN (R) 2:45, 4:50, 7:10
THE MIST (R) 5:00, 7:50
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 8:00
FRED CLAU (PG) 4:00, 6:30
ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) 2:35, 5:10, 7:40
AMC SELECT
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 4:30, 7:30
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 4:40, 7:00
GONE BABY GONE (R) 2:50, 5:25, 8:10

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

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AUGUST RUSH (PG) 1:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
ENCHANTED (PG) 1:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
HITMAN (R) 1:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
THE MIST (R) 1:25, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 1:20, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20
BEOWULF (PG13) 1:15, 4:35, 7:35, 10:15
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15
FRED CLAU (PG) 1:25, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:05, 6:05, 9:25
BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:05
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

I'M NOT THERE (R) 2:10, 5:10, 8:00
AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:40, 2:20, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30
SOUTHLAND TALES (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40
BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:20
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:50

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
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ENCHANTED (PG) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00
FRED CLAU (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:15
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:30, 6:30
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:55, 4:05, 7:05

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

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DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55
AWAKE (R) 1:05, 3:25, 5:40, 7:50, 10:05
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
ENCHANTED (PG) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
HITMAN (R) 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45
THE MIST (R) 12:45, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
BEOWULF (PG13) 12:55, 3:30, 6:10, 8:55
BEOWULF (PG13) 12:55, 3:30, 6:10, 8:55
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 1:50, 4:15, 6:35, 9:00
FRED CLAU (PG) 1:15, 4:00, 6:40, 9:25
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:45, 6:15, 9:35
BEE MOVIE (PG) 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 1:40, 6:50
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 4:05, 9:10
AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 12:50, 3:35, 6:20, 9:05

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
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AUGUST RUSH (PG) 4:20, 7:20
ENCHANTED (PG) 7:00, 9:30
HITMAN (R) 5:15, 8:00
THE MIST (R) 4:45, 7:45
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 4:30, 7:15
BEOWULF (PG13) 4:10, 7:15
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 5:15, 7:30
FRED CLAU (PG) 4:00, 7:00
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 3:45, 7:10
BEE MOVIE (PG) 5:15, 7:30

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

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DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
AWAKE (R) ✓ 2:25, 5:20, 7:55, 10:10
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25
ENCHANTED (PG) 1:30, 2:45, 4:10, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35
HITMAN (R) 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05
THE MIST (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
BEOWULF (PG13) 12:45, 3:30, 6:15, 9:10
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 2:05, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50
FRED CLAU (PG) 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:20, 5:50, 7:05, 9:20, 10:30
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:20, 2:40, 4:00, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20
AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 12:50, 4:05, 7:10, 10:15

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

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DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
AWAKE (R) ✓ 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:25
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
ENCHANTED (PG) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55
HITMAN (R) 2:10, 4:25, 6:50, 9:20
HITMAN (R) 2:10, 4:25, 6:50, 9:20
I'M NOT THERE (R) 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25
THE MIST (R) 1:55, 4:55, 7:50, 10:30
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:30
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 2:35, 5:00, 7:25
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 8:10, 10:20
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 3:25, 6:55, 10:15
BEE MOVIE (PG) 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 2:30, 5:20, 9:40
AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 3:40, 10:05

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

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DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 3:30, 6:25, 9:30
AWAKE (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50
AWAKE (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
ENCHANTED (PG) 1:25, 2:15, 4:05, 5:00, 6:45, 7:40, 9:25, 10:10
HITMAN (R) 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
THE MIST (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 1:20, 3:35, 4:30, 6:35, 7:25, 9:20, 10:10
BEOWULF (PG13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 1:50, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15
FRED CLAU (PG) 1:15, 2:10, 4:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 2:05, 7:00
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:40, 6:10, 8:00, 9:40
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:20, 5:30, 6:40, 9:00
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 4:35, 9:35
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 7:05, 9:50
AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 9:55

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

DIGITAL 3D

BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45
AWAKE (R) 1:05, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:25
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
ENCHANTED (PG) 1:30, 2:40, 4:05, 5:20, 7:05, 8:00, 9:35, 10:35
HITMAN (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
THE MIST (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
BEOWULF (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
FRED CLAU (PG) 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 1:25, 7:05
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 1:35, 5:00, 8:30
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:25
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:20, 10:40
AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 3:45, 9:20

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ENCHANTED (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 2:40, 5:10, 7:25
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:30
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 3:30, 7:00
BEE MOVIE (PG) 2:30, 5:00, 7:20
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:50, 4:35, 7:10

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

AUGUST RUSH (PG) 4:15, 7:15
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 3:45, 7:00
AMC SELECT
WAR/DANCE (PG13) 4:45, 7:45
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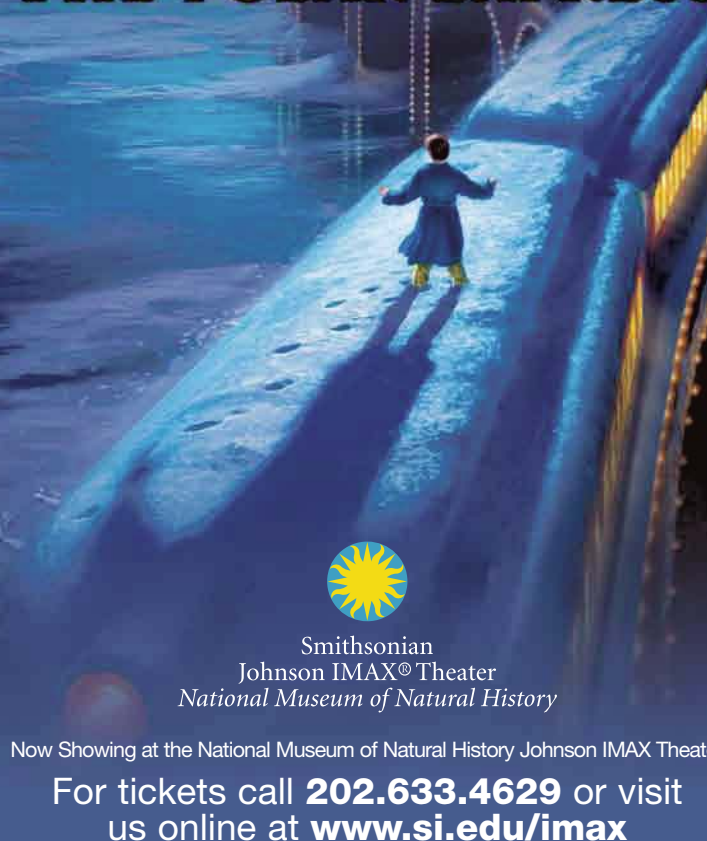
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Television

ON TV TONIGHT

PRETTY WOMAN

Movie stars gather to laud one of their own on **JULIA ROBERTS — AN AMERICAN CINEMATHEQUE TRIBUTE** (8 p.m., AMC).

GET KNOCKED UP

Fertility matters on **PRIVATE PRACTICE** (9 p.m., ABC).

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The documentary series **HOW IT WAS** (9 p.m., National Geographic) explores the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

HE WHACKED A LINE COOK

A would-be Goodfella puts his sister's restaurant in hot water on **KITCHEN NIGHTMARES** (9 p.m., Fox).

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY

Karen's affair with Tripp's rival comes to light on **DIRTY SEXY MONEY** (10 p.m., ABC).



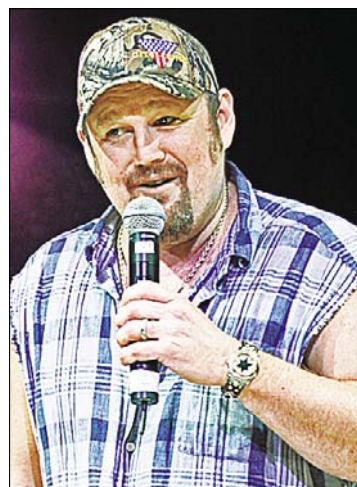
HELLO, TEETH: Julia Roberts' signature grin is honored tonight on AMC.

MAKE IT CUTER

Nina Garcia challenges the team to turn a fashion “don’t” into a “do” on **PROJECT RUNWAY** (10 p.m., Bravo). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4 News (N)	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N)				Life "Dig a Hole, Fill It Up Part 2" (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show						
	WTTG	5 News (N)	TMZ (N)	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Back to You	'Til Death	Kitchen Nightmares "Peter's"	News (N)		News (N)	TMZ						
	WJLA	7 News (N)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		Private Practice (N)	(02) Dirty Sexy Money (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Nightline (N)						
	WUSA	9 News (N)	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Kid Nation (N)		Criminal Minds "Scared to Death"	CSI: NY "Sleight Out of Hand"		News (N)	Late Show						
	WDCA	20 Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	Celebrity Exposé		Celebrity Exposé	Every-Raymond	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent							
	WMPT	22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	To Be Announced					To Be Announced							
	WETA	26 BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Great Performances Andrea Bocelli performs greatest hits and new songs.				Ric Edelman Reveals the Lies About Money		Good Night						
	WHUT	32 Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Paul McCartney: Space		The 4 Kings of Rhythm & Blues	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)							
WDCW	50 My Wife and Kids	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Friends	America's Next Top Model (N)		Gossip Girl "Hi, Society" (N)	Family Guy	Friends	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City							
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Blood Moon"		CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat"		CSI: Miami "No Man's Land"		The Sopranos Johnny Sack turns up the heat.		Kansas SWAT						
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		Season of the Grizzly		Grizzly Diaries		The Natural World		Animal Cops Houston		Season of the Grizzly						
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)		Access Granted		★ ★ "Soul Plane" (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold.				American Gangster		Hell Date	Hell Date					
	Bravo	(5:00) Project Runway "Finale"		Project Runway		Project Runway				Project Runway (N)		Hell Date						
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "House Party IV" (2000)		Scrubs		Scrubs		Daily Show		Colbert Report		Chappelle's Show		South Park	South Park	Drawn Together	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops		Cops		Most Shocking (N)		Shopping to Extreme (N)		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Phone Justice
	Discovery	How It's Made		How It's Made		How It's Made		Rise of the Video Game (N)		MythBusters Confederate weapon. (N)		Fearless Planet "Sahara Desert"		Rise of the Video Game				
	DISCH	Code Blue "Someone to Lean On"		Trauma: Life in the ER		Trauma: Life in the ER		Plastic Surgery: New York Style		Big Medicine "Large and in Charge"		Trauma: Life in the ER						
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	★ ★ ★ "Stuart Little 2" (2002) Geena Davis.				That's So Raven		That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana			
	E!	Wild Cop Show	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Soup Presents		Soup Presents		The Girls Next Door Highlights.		Kardashians	Kardashians	E! News	Chelsea Lately			
	FX	★ ★ "Flightplan" (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster, Peter Sarsgaard.				★ ★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm.				★ ★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) Dennis Quaid.								
	HGTV	Rezoned (N)	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell		Get It Sold		Deserving Design		House Worth?	House Hunters	Bought & Sold	What's-House?			
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	'Twas Night	C'mas Snow	"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" (2001, Comedy) Connie Sellecca.				Rudolph's Shiny New Year				The 700 Club				
	History	Mega Disasters: Mega Freeze		Marvels: Axes, Swords and Knives		Modern Marvels: '80s Tech		Lost Worlds "Lost City of Aphrodite"		MonsterQuest "Mutant Canines" (N)				Dogfights Dogfights over Iraq in 1991.				
	Lifetime	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba		Reba "The Feud"		★ ★ "Comfort and Joy" (2003) Nancy McKeon, Dixie Carter.				Will & Grace		Will & Grace		
	MTV	America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila		A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila		The Real World		Shot at Love	The Real World	Ret. Fat Camp				
	NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	Full House	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Fresh Prince					
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Avatar"		Tin Man (Part 3 of 3)		Ghost Hunters "Ghostly Houseguest"				Ghost Hunters		"Dark Ride" (2006) Patrick Renna						
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		UFC Unleashed (Premiere)		The Ultimate Fighter (N)		Disposable Hero: Brian Deegan Story						
	TBS	Friends	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	Sex and the City	Sex and the City					
TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	Million Dollar Christmas		Million Dollar Christmas (N)		Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)		Anatomy of a Giant		Dr. G: Medical Examiner							
TNT	Law & Order "Standoff"		Law & Order "Empire"		★ ★ ★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts.				★ ★ ★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.									
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit							
VHI	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Larry the Cable Guy's Christmas	I Love New York		Larry the Cable Guy's Christmas								
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)	College Basketball Alabama vs. Georgetown. From Birmingham, Ala. (Live)				NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver.				SportsCenter							
	ESPN2	Madden Nation	Football Live	NFL Live	College Basketball Syracuse at Virginia. (Live)		College Basketball West Virginia at Auburn. (Live)				Baseball Tonight							
	CSN	SportsNite	SportsNite	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Washington Wizards. (Subject to Blackout) (S Live)				SportsNite		SportsNite (Live)		Washington Post Live						
NEWS	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360								
	FNC	Special Report		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor						
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		The Confessions of a Serial Killer Jeffrey Dahmer.								
MOVIES	AMC	★ ★ "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez. 'PG-13'				Julia Roberts: Cinematheque Tribute		★ ★ "Raising Helen" (2004) Kate Hudson. A woman gains custody of her late sister's children.				Julia Roberts						
	TCM	★ ★ ★ ★ "A Night at the Opera" (1935) Groucho Marx. 'NR'				The Men Who Made the Movies (N)		★ ★ ★ "Wild Boys of the Road" (1933) Frankie Darro.				★ ★ ★ ★ "The Ox-Bow Incident" (1943) Henry Fonda.						
	HBO	Sound-Thunder	Costas NOW	★ ★ "American Dreamz" (2006) Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid.		PG-13'		Mayweather		Inside the NFL (N)		REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel						
	MAX	Star Wars: Ep. III	★ ★ "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" (2005) Rick Moranis. 'PG'				(1:15) ★ ★ "Jet Li's Fearless" (2006, Action) Jet Li.		PG-13'		★ "Epic Movie" (2007) Kal Penn.		Busty Models					
	SHOW	Beat the Drum	(4:45) ★ ★ "Reindeer Games" (2000) Ben Affleck. iTV.				R'		★ ★ "Zombie Honeymoon" (2004) Tracy Coogan. 'NR'		Dexter (iTV)		(10:58) Brotherhood (iTV)					
	TMC	(4:50) In the Mix	(3:35) ★ ★ ★ "The Brother From Another Planet" (1984) Joe Morton. 'R'				★ ★ "Salvage" (2006) Lauren Currie Lewis.		NR'		★ ★ "Hav Plenty" (1997) Chenoa Maxwell. Premiere. 'R'		Streets of Legend					
	STARZ!	(5:15) ★ Pulse	(4:45) ★ ★ "All the King's Men" (2006, Drama) Sean Penn, Jude Law.				PG-13'		★ ★ "The Guardian" (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Sela Ward.		PG-13'		The Sixth Sense					
ENCORE	(1:15) ★ ★ ★ "Honey, I Shrank the Kids" (1989) Rick Moranis.	PG'		★ ★ "Freedomland" (2006, Crime Drama) Samuel L. Jackson.		R'		★ ★ "Mystery Kutch" (1999, Fantasy) Hank Azaria.		PG-13'								

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Business

Maine venture gives consumers a stronger connection to seafood

Two brothers are selling more than just lobsters from their waterfront business. They're selling the lobstering experience — and it doesn't come cheap.

For \$2,995 per year, customers buy the rights to all the lobsters caught in a designated trap off the rocky Maine coast — at least 40 crustaceans per season, probably more — and have them shipped whenever and wherever they want.

It's a concept similar to farming co-ops, in which people lay down money up front in return for a share of a farm's harvest during the growing season. John and Brendan Ready's customers know who's putting food on the table. Customers know the lobstermen, what their boats look like and where the traps are set. Daily updates are available on the Internet.

The Readys, owners of Ready Seafood on Hobson's Wharf, are selling the mystique of lobstering, where seasoned salts in foul-weather gear haul in lobsters from the ocean

depths much the same way it's been done for more than a century. Lobstermen who work with the Readys benefit by getting free traps and a premium of 40 cents per pound for the lobsters caught in them.

Markets for the "Catch a Piece of Maine" program include businesses and well-heeled individuals with an interest in knowing where their food comes from.

"We've created a way to add more value to seafood," said John Ready. "This is our way of trying to hit a new market segment."

While it's relatively easy for people to meet farmers at farmers' markets or co-ops, it's not as easy to meet the fishermen who supply

the nation's seafood. So, the Readys let their customers "meet" their lobstermen online, reading their biographies, looking at their boats and discovering their thoughts about their livelihoods.

One of those lobstermen, John Butler, writes that lobstering is a way of life for him. "Where else can you see majestic whales, jumping bluefin tuna, seals and countless sea birds

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NETTING A DEAL: John Ready, left, and his brother Brendan market lobstering.

The Ready brothers, who are 27 and 25, launched "Catch A Piece of Maine" in October.

For the program, the brothers are selling the catches from 400 traps — 50 traps each from eight lobstermen, including the Readys themselves, in

“There’s a person behind it, saying, ‘Yes, I’m harvesting these lobsters and doing it in a sustainable way.’”

DANE SOMER, MAINE LOBSTER PROMOTION COUNCIL

the Portland area.

During the May-December season, customers are guaranteed at least 40 lobsters from each trap.

But the Readys expect the catch to be closer to 50 lobsters.

Todd Colpitts, senior vice president at Atlantic National Trust in Portland, bought a trap so he

can give away lobsters to clients and potential customers. Besides giving lobsters as gifts, he figures he'll have a great story to tell about the lobsterman who caught them.

"It's such a unique idea. If you have a customer or somebody you'd like to do business with, you can send a bottle of wine and that's nice, but there's not much to talk about afterward," he said. (AP)

Lobster Jackpot

when you go to work? Fog, salt air, waves crashing over the bow, sea spray in your face," wrote Butler, skipper of the Sylena B.

That connection is important for consumers who want to know more about their food, said Dane Somer, executive director of the Maine Lobster Promotion Council.

"There's a person behind it, saying, 'Yes, I'm harvesting these lob-

sters and doing it in a sustainable way, and here's where it comes from,'" Somer said.

Lobster is synonymous with Maine, where last year's harvest of 73 million pounds was valued at nearly \$300 million. The catch in recent years is double and even triple what it was in decades past, forcing lobster dealers to find new markets for all that product.

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Real Cash, Virtual Gifts

Culture

Computer-generated items are becoming popular presents

You don't wrap these presents in a box. You can't wear them, play with them or show them off, at least not in the real world.

Even so, virtual gifts — computer-generated items given and displayed online — are quickly becoming must-haves. And, increasingly, people are willing to pay cold, hard, real-life cash to purchase them for friends, family and co-workers.

"For the person who gets the gift, it is like a badge of honor," says Dave Coffey, who tracks online trends for Sapient, a Florida-based marketing company.

Coffey's gotten into the act himself, buying a few \$1 gifts on Facebook, a social networking Web site. He purchased a pair of virtual shoes for his wife for her birthday, a can of "whoop-ass" for a friend who got



Jeff Roberts is a Second Life "resident" who has given virtual gifts to friends.

a new job, and a virtual beer to pay a bet he lost to his boss.

They are nothing more than cutesy icons posted in a "gifts" section on a person's profile page, the smiley faces of the 21st century. And like that 1970s icon, they have

mass appeal.

Since they were introduced in February, Facebook says its users have purchased more than 24 million of these dollar items, which are sold in limited editions to generate more interest.

A few clicks and it's done. No worries about FedEx or the post office getting it there on time.

JEFF ROBERTS, SECOND LIFE USER

Elsewhere online, including virtual world sites such as Second Life, Uthervse and Stardoll, people can give gift certificates so their friends' avatars, or online personalities, can shop at "malls" on the sites.

Just like the real world, appearance matters in the virtual world. Gifts of digital clothing, accessories and even digital furnishings for an avatar's virtual home are especially popular. A pair of virtual boots, for instance, might cost \$2 or \$3 in a world where one could pay \$20 or \$30 for an intricately designed "skin," an avatar's outer layer.

Jeff Roberts, a New Yorker who is one of about 11 million Second

Life "residents," has given SL gift certificates, worth real money, to friends and co-workers.

Their avatars "come back from 'stores' with all sorts of clothing, bling and new hairstyles," says Roberts, who heads a commercial radio station in Second Life, known as the Virtual World Radio Network (VWRN).

The ease of giving a virtual gift is definitely part of the attraction, he says.

"A few clicks and it's done. No worries about FedEx or the post office getting it there on time," Roberts says.







Kel Kelly, a businesswoman in suburban Boston, figures she's spent just under \$100 on virtual gifts on Facebook. The presents are hip — things like icons of champagne bottles that clients can post on their pages.

"Anyone can send an e-mail that says, 'Congratulations on your recent partnership,' or whatever," says Kelly, a marketing executive and college lecturer. "It's just a really cool way to stand out."

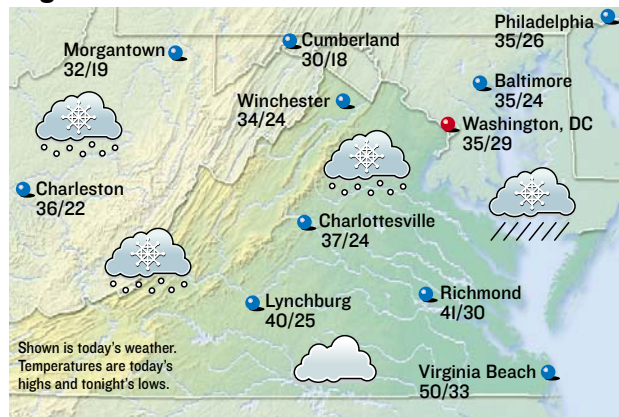
In a sense, these gifts are supplanting electronic cards, online greetings that are waning in popularity, according to Internet watchers. People are becoming more willing to pay for something you can't touch or hold in your hand.

MARTHA IRVINE (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					
Mostly cloudy, snow, around 1 inch	Snow early, clearing, cold	Mostly sunny, cold	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
35°	29°	39° / 27°	45° / 37°	51° / 39°	45° / 35°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	41°
Low	35°
Normal high	51°
Normal low	35°
Average humidity	38%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	0.30"
Normal month to date	0.40"
Year to date	29.95"
Last year to date	46.27"
Normal year to date	36.70"

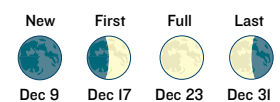
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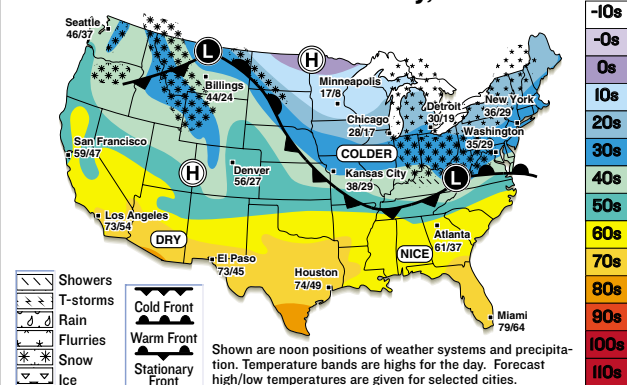
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, snow, around 1 inch. High 35. Wind south 3-6 mph. Tonight, snow ending, clearing. Low 29. Wind north 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:11 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:24 a.m.
Moonset today	2:05 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, December 5



National Cities

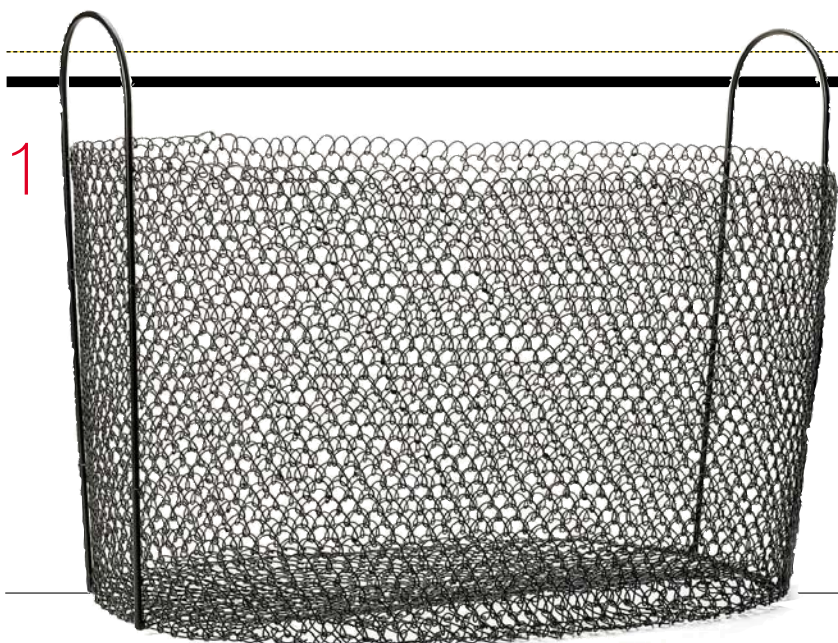
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Atlanta	61/37/pc	56/39/s
Boston	36/26/pc	34/22/s
Chicago	28/17/sf	30/28/pc
Dallas	74/45/s	71/59/s
Denver	56/27/pc	45/20/sn
Honolulu	79/70/r	79/72/r
Los Angeles	73/54/s	64/55/c
Miami	79/64/s	78/66/s
New York City	36/29/sn	38/30/pc
Orlando	72/52/s	74/53/s
Seattle	46/37/c	43/33/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	50/45/sh	50/45/r
Athens	55/46/r	55/45/pc
Berlin	48/39/sh	48/41/c
Buenos Aires	77/57/s	79/63/s
Calgary	6/-2/sn	11/-6/c
Dublin	52/43/sh	55/45/r
Geneva	52/40/pc	46/37/sh
Moscow	32/28/sn	30/27/pc
Rome	57/43/pc	61/46/c
Sydney	77/68/c	75/69/c
Tokyo	52/42/s	56/45/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

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Skin Care



Imitation of Plum

Sugarplums are round pieces of boiled sugar. They have nothing to do with plums. **DAVIES GATE SUGAR PLUM** body products, however, do—they have the bracing, salty, slightly peachy smell of a just-ripe plum. The packaging shows thought; the hand cream (\$18, right, Daviesgate.com), comes in a swoopy box sealed with a bow. The Warming Shave Cream (\$20, left) was the promised temp, and the lip gloss (\$12) managed to taste as plum-y as its fellow products smelled. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Hi, Wire!



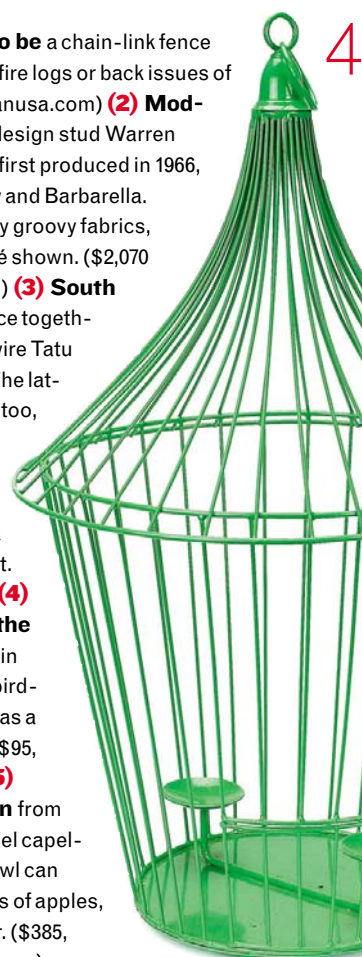
Though skinny strands of metal are best known for holding up bridges and straightening teeth, lately, wire has been winding its way into home decor. Slender filaments, whether

painted a bright color or left steely, bring a sculptural, industrial groove to everything from baskets and birdcages to edgy armchairs. "There's a see-through aspect to it, which creates negative space," says Laurie Morin, owner of Adams Morgan's Hoopla Traders, which stocks tables and stools made of the stuff. "That helps in small urban settings — we often have too much junk." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



(1) What seems to be a chain-link fence stylishly imprisons fire logs or back issues of *Wired*. (\$175, Conranusa.com) **(2) Mod-yet-sorta sci-fi**, design stud Warren Platner's armchair, first produced in 1966, evokes both Twiggy and Barbarella. It's available in many groovy fabrics, including the bouclé shown. (\$2,070 as shown, Dwr.com) **(3) South African** artists piece together Artecnic's hip wire Tatu stools and tables. The latter do storage duty, too, since their tops come off to reveal baskets beneath. (\$160-\$500, Hoopla Traders, 2314 18th St. NW; 202-797-0730) **(4) Don't put Beaky the Annoying Parrot** in this Grinch-green bird-house—it's meant as a perch for candles. (\$95, Conranusa.com) **(5) Though it's woven** from what seem to be steel capelini, this oversize bowl can hold up to 12 pounds of apples, durians or whatever. (\$385, Uncommongoods.com)

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Hair



Putting on the Spritz

When it's windy, there's nothing better than pulling a fuzzy hat down over your ears. Until it's time for said hat to come off. Having static in your locks from rubbing a balloon on it as a kid is one thing — having the same finger-in-the-socket look as a grown-up, not so much. Enter **DSTAT STATIC RELIEF HAIR SPRITZ** (\$15, Dstatonline.com). This superb spray held electricity-prone tresses, both fine and curly, triumphantly in place, even after many popped tops. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

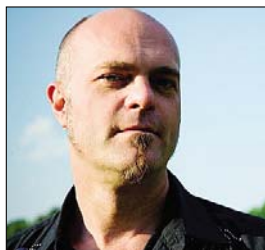

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After the Gold Rush

Eric Brace, leader of alt-country band Last Train Home, returned to his Northern California birthplace — home of the Gold Rush — for his folk-opera project “Hangtown Dancehall.” Express contributor Katherine Silkaitis spoke with Brace before “Hangtown’s” debut at Strathmore on Wednesday. | COMING UP



FREE RIDE

The Fun Is Done

When D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty renamed the 600 block of F Street NW “Abe Pollin Way” after the Verizon Center owner on Monday, he removed another name from the offbeat D.C. signage scene at the same time. Michael Grass has the details on the fate of “Fun Street.” | ONLINE NOW



FIT

Exercise in Retail

No matter how good you've been this year, there's one thing no one's going to give you: all the gym time you lost while shopping. Express' Vicky Hallett talks to local mall-walking experts about how to turn holiday shopping into a full-body workout. | ONLINE NOW

comment board

“MySpace should

cooperate with investigations regarding incidents in which its site was used in crimes, but it's definitely up to parents to make sure their kids are safe.”

COMMENTER GW, WHO ADDED, “I DO THINK THAT KIDS SHOULD KNOW THAT NOT EVERYONE IS THEIR FRIEND.”

“The people on

MySpace aren't the problem. The parents who do not monitor their kids' online activity are the problem.”

COMMENTER SHERRY, WHO ADDED, “THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN ON MYSPACE HAVE BEEN HAPPENING SINCE LONG BEFORE MYSPACE WAS AROUND.”



“We wouldn't have this problem if parents were more proactive than reactive. However, if the parents are the ones engaging or harboring the cyber-bullies, they [should be] punished swiftly.”

COMMENTER RONNY Z, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “SHOULD MYSPACE DO MORE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE BULLIES?”

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS (AS OF 5 P.M.)

SHOULD MYSPACE DO MORE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ONLINE BULLIES?

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YES 47%

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“Sorry, man, but there's no such thing as ‘Chicago stone oven-baked pizza.’ Chicago pizza is either deep-dish or stuffed.”

A **SILVERSPRINGSINGULAR.BLOGSPOT.COM** COMMENTER JOINS A FIERY DISCUSSION ABOUT ALBERTO'S PIZZA, A LOCAL PIZZA CHAIN.



JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST



“WILL IT significantly accumulate on road surfaces/pavement? ... A snowstorm that does not accumulate on pavement is practically a worthless snowstorm.”

A **CAPITALWEATHER.COM** COMMENTER WONDERS WHETHER THE SNOW PREDICTED FOR WEDNESDAY WILL AMOUNT TO MUCH.

“The NIE tells us, in effect, that the Bush/Cheney regime has been systematically lying about the threat posed by Iran and could easily [have] misled ... the country into yet another unwarranted and disastrous war.”

THE LEFT-LEANING **FIREDOGLAKE.COM** REACTS TO THE NEW NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE THAT SAYS IRAN STOPPED ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AGO.

“WHAT ABOUT JEANS that expose underwear due to holes? How does one define ‘low-rise’ or ‘low-slung’ pants? Could some of these bans be void for vagueness? The law school exam hypotheticals are endless. Regardless of the constitutional questions, the bans are pretty silly as a policy matter.”

ABOVETHELAW.COM EXAMINES A PROPOSED BAN ON SAGGY PANTS IN PINE LAWN, MO.

“WHILE I'VE NEVER been one to say ‘there are other fish in the sea,’ I may take up reminding the heartsore that there's more than one hog on the farm, or that there are other pork products in the butcher's case, or whatever happened the last time around, that wasn't the only way to eat their bacon.”

JORDANBAKER.BLOGSPOT.COM MUSES ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE BROKEN-HEARTED.

Discussions

The Black Dress

VALERIE STEELE, director and chief curator of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and author of the new book “The Black Dress” was online Tuesday and discussed the fashion must-have for women and also gave a little advice to the men.

What style of little black dress should a size 2, long-legged, 5-foot, 3-inch high school sophomore wear?

A petite, slim person such as yourself can get away with a mini-dress, but don't make it too short.

Something with either cap sleeves or long sleeves would be nice. Since the hemline is short, keep the neckline high and modest. Avoid anything too sexy. You can get great ideas from Japanese Vogue.

What do I wear to my boyfriend's holiday party? It's a small company and the “party” is a dinner at a restaurant. I want to look festive, but not as if I'm trying too hard.

Dinner in a restaurant means you want a nice top. Not too low-cut, but not like a nun. Pretty sleeves would be good, but not so loose that they will interfere with eating. And since you'll be sitting and eating, you don't want it to be too tight or uncomfortable.

Invitation to office holiday part says “dressy casual attire.” What on Earth does that mean?

Hmmm. That is cryptic. I'd guess they mean not formal (i.e. not long dresses or evening wear) but also not a sloppy, I mean “casual” day at the office, and also not a “business attire” stiff suit. I'd say pretty, festive, but NOT too sexy.

Is there some male equivalent to the little black dress?

A “classic” business suit — and a tuxedo.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

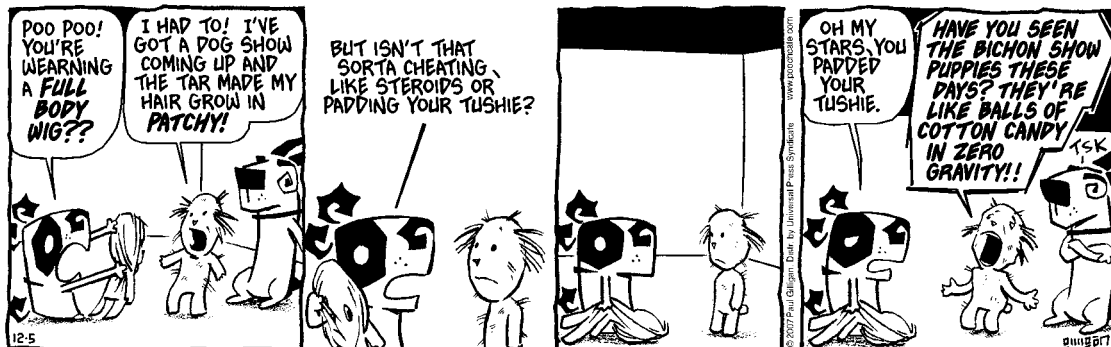
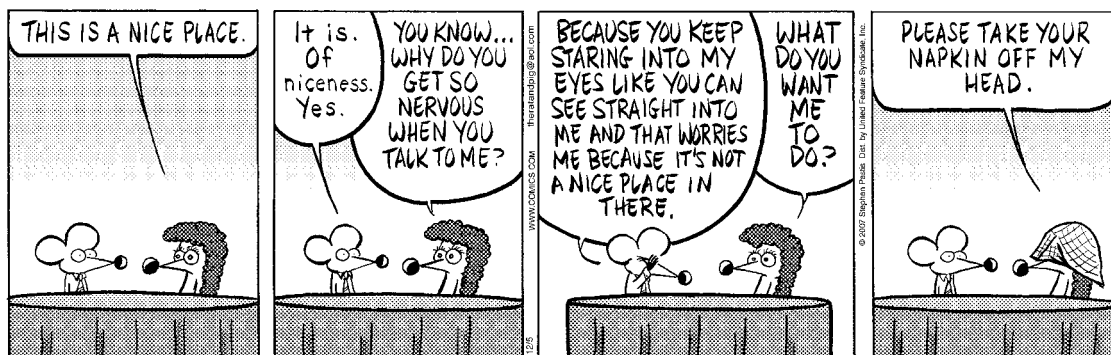
Martina Navratilova takes your questions about tennis, her career and her life at 2:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

DO

DECIDE ON PAPER OR ELECTRONIC, STAFFORD COUNTY. Voters in the Dec. 11 special election to replace the late Jo Ann Davis will have the option of voting via either paper or electronic ballots, according to WTOP. The paper ballots cost the county \$30,000 less than the electronic machines.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Trust a friend to warm your heart when you are feeling a little chilly inside. He or she knows just how to touch you and where.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're going to have to be at your organized best in order to see things coming and plan for the future in a way that can pay off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your interest in financial issues will grow and develop quite suddenly. You can lead the way with a daring and bold strategy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your prospects are looking good, but don't let yourself become overconfident as you look into the future.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Progress may be slowed for a time, but you can pick it back up again later in the day — when others are getting ready to call it quits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day to keep a lid on your fiery temper. Everyone is likely to be going through

his or her own thing, and you must tone it down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can be quite different this week and still fit in when you choose to do so. You don't have to isolate yourself to maximize your gains.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may only be trying to help, but someone who is in need of your assistance doesn't know that yet and may snap at you as a result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may receive mixed messages from someone who isn't quite sure how to get through to you. Don't get frustrated or impatient; listen with extra care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your keen memory will serve you well. Don't go overboard during evening hours when called upon to entertain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't try to make too many decisions about the coming days right now. There's value in waiting until the time comes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Now is the time to pledge a renewed loyalty to someone who has been so helpful and faithful to you in the past.

Letters

A Right to Bare Legs

THE MAN WHO COMMENTED in Tuesday's Express about the H&M ad and the Christina Aguilera picture really made me chuckle. Now, as a modern woman, I know that Aguilera should have been barefoot in a kitchen in her delicate condition, and the lady in the H&M ad should have had the decency to not bare

her ankles, much less her shapely calves or a bit of thigh. But is the commenter aware that women can VOTE, too? Scandalous!

—JAIME W. SERBIN
Via e-mail

Correction:

Tuesday's story "Study: Divorce Is Bad for the Earth" incorrectly implied that divorce costs \$6.9 billion per person in extra utility costs per year. That figure should have referred to the total cost of divorced households, not the cost per person.

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Today in History

1776 The first scholastic fraternity in America, Phi Beta Kappa, is organized at the College of William and Mary.

1791 Composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart dies in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

1955 The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merge to form the AFL-CIO.

2002 Strom Thurmond, the longest-serving senator



Sen. Strom Thurmond celebrated his 100th birthday on this day in 2002.

in history, celebrates his 100th birthday.

2006 New York becomes the first city in the nation to ban trans fats at restaurants.

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LOOK out

People



Their attorneys are trained to attack.

SLAVERING Lawyers Strain at Leashes

DENNIS QUAID and his wife have sued Baxter Healthcare Corp, the makers of heparin, after their newborn twins were made ill when inadvertently given massive doses of the blood thinner at a hospital. (AP)

SURPRISE Crowe Takes Scruffy, Surly, Morally Unambiguous Role



RUSSELL CROWE has taken over the lead role Brad Pitt backed out of in political thriller "State of Play." Crowe will play a journalist investigating a murder linked to a congressman whose campaign he once ran. (AP)



OMG! YOU MUST READ THIS NOW, NOW, NOW!

MAJOR NEWS!!!

AMY WINEHOUSE was photographed with her trademark beehive hair loose and natural outside her London home early Sunday. She was barefoot, wearing jeans, a red bra and a pained expression. Her publicist, Tracey Miller, said the singer, stirred from sleep at 6 a.m. by "a lot of noise," had stepped "outside her flat to investigate" when she was seen by photographers. "She was startled," Miller said. (AP)

WHINE The Daly Doth Protest Too Much

CARSON DALY explained Monday why "Last Call" became the first late-night show to return to the air with fresh episodes since the writer's strike began: "If I had not been back on the air tonight, 75 members of my loyal staff and crew were going to get laid off." He was faced with "an ultimatum, if you



Without writers, Carson's face froze this way.

will," from the network: "You either come back or they're laid off. I said, 'Let's turn the lights on, I'm gonna come back.'" "Last Call" thus became the first to break ranks among the six broadcast late-night talk shows, which, since Nov. 5, have aired only repeats. (AP)

Let's see him live in an ice casket for a whole week!



WHATEVER David Blaine Could Do the Same Thing — Underwater

DAVE CHAPPELLE has broken his own Laugh Factory endurance record. The comedian topped his record of six hours and seven minutes set in mid-April, by taking to the West Hollywood, Calif., stage Sunday and telling jokes for six hour and 12 minutes. "Dave was determined to keep his record because he recently heard that Dane Cook was planning on trying to break it," club owner Jamie Masada said Monday. (AP)

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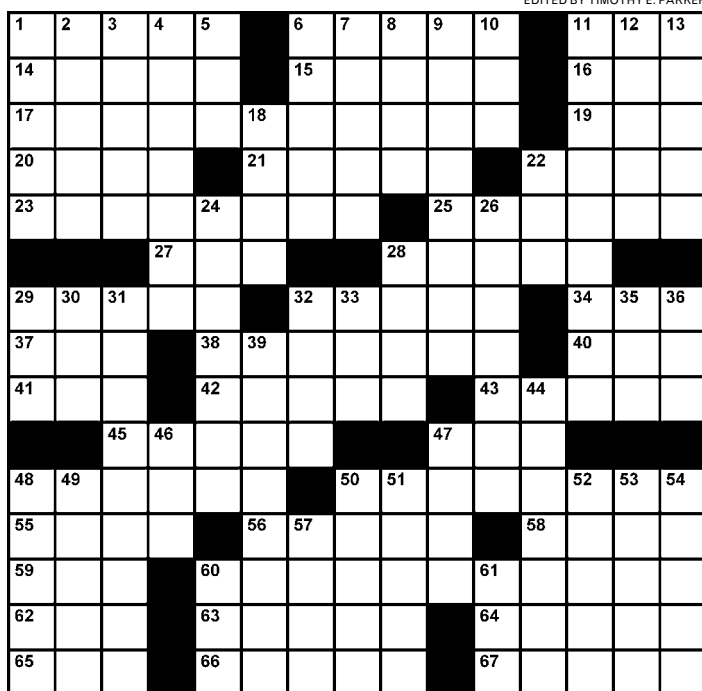
- 1 "Cry, the Beloved Country" author
6 Cause to wither
11 Haber-dashery item
14 "Sweet Child ____" (Guns N' Roses hit)
15 Certain panhandle state
16 "____ my brother's keeper?"
17 Olympic champion, for one
19 Faultfinder
20 Ancient reveler's "whoopie!"
21 Summits
22 Cabinet-maker's tool
23 Regresses
25 More blunt and to the point
27 Compete
28 Maladroit
29 Cupid neighbor?
32 Mill product
34 Shade of blond
37 First numero
38 Italian table wine
40 Alumna bio word
41 A couple thousand pounds
42 Cow clusters
43 Sort of statesman
45 Sewing machine innovator Howe
47 Greek letter
48 Bobby Darin song title, with "the Sea"
50 Practice exams
55 Science class adjuncts
56 Sunny

DOWN

- 58 Late-night name
59 Words with "distance" or "discount"
60 Educational edifice
62 Sarcastic comment
63 Tell it from the rooftop
64 Team bigwig
65 Lennon's trio?
66 Unhip types
67 Petite pests

DOWN

- 1 "____ to the people!"
2 "Freeze! Don't make ____!"
3 Austrian Alpine region
4 Vacationing from the base
5 Flanders of cartoons
6 Magazine article
7 Photogra-pher Ansel
8 Fixed charge
9 Roasted item
10 Opposite of vert.
11 Palms-down feat
12 Stupefy
13 Type of lily
18 Operations center
22 Dadaist Jean
24 Lend a hand
26 Superlatively weird
28 Electrified



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- elements
29 Director's direction
30 Lennon's spouse
31 Prosperous person, slangily
32 Coniferous trees
33 Whipper-snapper
35 Wait partner
36 Part of HMS
39 One reason for taking aspirin
44 Prepare to sleep
46 West end of L.A.?
47 Chime

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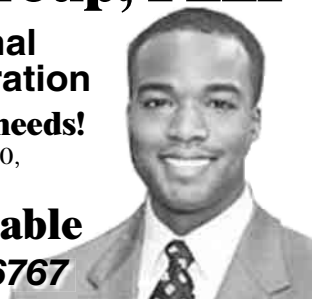
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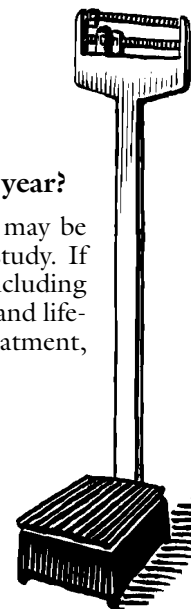
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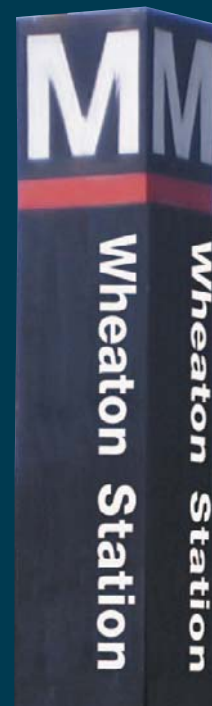
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